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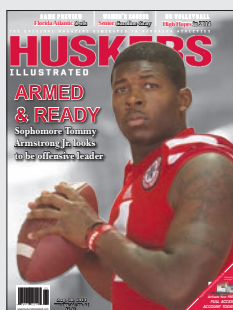
## CORRECTION

In the 2014 Yearbook, the team that Nebraska defeated in the 2005 national championship was Florida, not Florida State as it was incorrectly printed.

### 2014 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

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SEPT. 6	MCNEESE STATE	MEMORIAL STADIUM	11:00 A.M.	ESPNU
SEPT. 13	@FRESNO STATE	FRESNO, CALIF.	9:30P.M.	CBSSN
SEPT. 20	MIAMI	MEMORIAL STADIUM	7:00 P.M.	ABC/ESPN
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OCT. 4	@MICHIGAN STATE	EAST LANSING, MICH.	7:00P.M.	ESPN/ABC
OCT. 18	@NORTHWESTERN	EVANSTON, ILL.	6:30P.M.	BTN
OCT. 25	RUTGERS	MEMORIAL STADIUM	TBA	TBD
NOV. 1	PURDUE	MEMORIAL STADIUM	TBA	TBD
NOV. 15	@WISCONSIN	MADISON, WIS.	TBA	TBD
NOV. 22	MINNESOTA	MEMORIAL STADIUM	TBA	TBD
NOV. 28	@IOWA	IOWA CITY, IA	TBA	TBD
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## ON THE COVER

With seven starts as a freshman under his belt, sophomore Tommy Armstrong Jr. is the projected starter for the 2014 football season. Armstrong went 6-1 as a starter in 2013 with his only loss being the Michigan State game. He has worked with former NFL quarterback Brett Favre in the offseason as well as offensive coordinator Tim Beck to make improvements.

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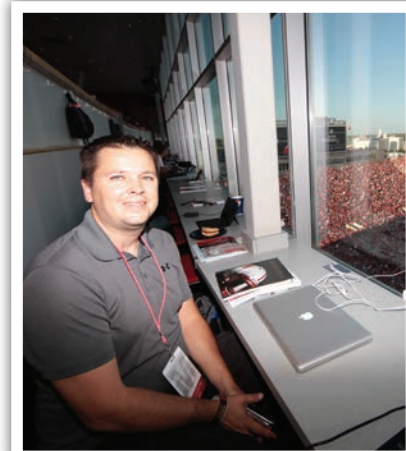
## HUSKER ATHLETIC TEAMS ON A HIGH COMING INTO 2014

IT'S A GOOD TIME TO BE A NEBRASKA STUDENT-ATHLETE AND CORNHUSKER FAN. THAT'S THE MESSAGES I GOT DURING THE MIDDLE OF SUMMER, WHEN I RECEIVED A COUPLE OF E-MAILS FROM THE NEBRASKA ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT RECAPPING THE SUCCESSES OF THE 2013-14 SEASONS.

Though it has been several months since those e-mails, I feel the successes achieved last year warrant mentioning, especially as the latest batch of NU student-athletes prepare for their upcoming seasons, including the No. 22 football team in its opener with Florida Atlantic on Aug. 30.

According to the release, "Nebraska became one of two NCAA institutions, and the first Big Ten program to qualify for a bowl game, plus NCAA postseason play in each of the following sports in the same calendar year— football, volleyball, and soccer in the fall; men's basketball and women's basketball in the winter; and baseball and softball in the spring. Nebraska and Louisville were the only two schools to qualify for postseason play in those seven sports, and Nebraska was the only institution to win at least one game in six of those seven sports. Even if soccer wasn't included, only Texas and Arizona State would be the only two other institutions to join Nebraska and Louisville in this shared achievement. Nebraska is the first and only school to accomplish this rare seven-sport feat among current Big Ten institutions, dating back to 1982, the year the NCAA launched postseason play in women's basketball and softball."

Not surprisingly, the Huskers produced 29 first-team All-Americans and 42 total All-Americans during 2013-14, which the Athletic Department noted as the most in a single season in more than a decade. Behind the efforts of these All-Americans and their teammates, as a whole, 14 of Nebraska's 24 sports fin-



ished in the top 25 nationally last season.

Many of these achievements were witnessed by record-setting crowds, adding to the feeling of optimism by Husker fans, who are looking for even more in 2014-15.

In terms of attendance, the volleyball team led the country with 8,175 fans per match and the football team was ninth with 90,933 fans per game. Attendance in the other five sports mentioned above also ranked in the top 20 nationally.

Additionally, the women's bowling team was the NCAA Championship runner up, the rifle team finished fifth at the NCAA Championships, women's gymnastics shared the Big Ten regular-season championship and made it to the Super Six, men's gymnastics placed eighth at the national meet, wrestling finished 11th at NCAA Championships, men's track and field placed 17th indoors and 12th outdoors and women's track and field placed 19th at the NCAA Outdoor Championships.

It appears that second-year athletic director Sean Eichorst has followed the mantra he set out when he was hired.

"The goal is to make something that is already great, better," Eichorst had said at the time of his hiring on Oct. 9, 2012.

In addition to success on the field and in the stands, the overall image of the athletic department's marquee program, football, also seems to be on the rise, which surely hasn't been an accident.

Enough about the achievements of past season, starting this past week and moving forward, it's time to support and cheer on all the Husker teams as they try for even more success in all sports.







# Behind the NU Fan Day Is Fun Day

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**CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT:** Head coach Bo Pelini receives a unique bag of Fresh Step kitty litter to sign during Fan Day. Pat Norris and his son, Charlie, head across Tom Osborne Field during Fan Day. Caroline Crist poses with cheerleaders Alexis Vercher and Alyson Robson. Demma Burgess of Lincoln poses with cheerleaders Courtney Belden, Cassandra Wilka and Kelly Sieps. Kenny Bell signs a poster during Fan Day. Jake Cotton signs an autograph for a fan. Kevin Gladney signs a football for Brennon Lemke. Ameer Abdullah signs a helmet for a fan. Tommy Armstrong smiles as he hands an autographed football back to a fan. Kenny Bell interacts with a small fan wearing his No. 80 jersey. Corey Cooper (6) signs a jersey.





# BIG RED EXPRESS

On June 28, Husker coaches and University of Nebraska officials made a whistle-stop tour on 16 historic Union Pacific Railroad train cars dubbed the “Big Red Express.” The journey began in Omaha with stops in Columbus and Grand Island (pictured to right) and ended in North Platte. Whistle-stop tours were popular in the 19th century, a time when long distance travel by passenger train was considered normal. At each stop, speeches would be given from the train, allowing politicians to make instant connections with the people at each stop. During the whistle-stops of the Union Pacific Big Red Express Tour, Husker coaches participated in question-and-answer sessions and a proclamation was presented from UP and Husker coaches to each city’s mayor. Coaches who participated in the whistle-stop tour included: Chuck Chmelka (men’s gymnastics); David Harris (cross country); Scott Jacobson (women’s tennis); Dan Kendig (women’s gymnastics); Robin Krapfl (women’s golf); Kerry McDermott (men’s tennis); Tim Miles (men’s basketball); Pablo Morales (swimming and diving); Bo Pelini (football); Rhonda Revelle (softball); Bill Spangler (men’s golf); Bill Straub (bowling); John Walker (soccer); and Connie Yori (women’s basketball).

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# RECRUITING NOTEBOOK

BY MICHAEL SCHAEFER

RECRUITING EDITOR

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## Breaking down NU's Class of 2015 needs

It's been a summer unlike any other for Nebraska recruiting. The Huskers have had their share of commitments – notably guys like Mirko Jurkovic and Nekyle Lundie – but there's been so much else that has happened as well.

Namely, Nebraska suffered two big losses over the summer, first being wide receiver Damore'ea Stringfellow. The former Washington Husky had thought he found a new home in Lincoln last June, but decided to change his mind two weeks later when he made the decision to attend Ole Miss.

The move came on the heels of Nebraska's mutual separation from former commitment Spencer Tears of Oak Lawn, Illinois. The Huskers moved on from the receiver who hasn't picked a different school since the split.

Movement at the wide receiver position helped open the door for Lundie, who has been the first real big surprise of the class. The big-bodied wide receiver hails from Stone Mountain, Georgia and he jumped on the Nebraska offer.

The other big loss came on the other side of the ball when Nebraska thought it had secured a commitment from Hunter Dale, only to see the three-star safety back out of the pledge just days later. Dale told 247Sports that he got too caught up in the moment and that he needed to make sure he considered all of his options. While the safety has told outlets that he'd still consider the Huskers it seems like he might

have done too much damage to that bridge for the door to remain open.

Despite the two decommitments, NU still looks to build on this strong base going forward with this class. The Huskers have a solid offensive line core with Christian Gaylord, Michael Decker and Jurkovic. NU could consider adding another lineman if it's the right player, but it seems likely the team will stand pat and put its efforts on what could be an outstanding 2016 group if things break right for the Huskers.

Another spot where things look good for the Huskers is in the defensive backfield. Nebraska has three commitments and potentially three early enrollees as Avery Anderson, Eric Lee and Aaron Williams have signed paperwork that would allow them to come to Nebraska in January.

All three commitments are part of the strong work that rookie coach Charlton Warren has put in on the recruiting trail. The defensive back coach might look to take one more player for the secondary, but the Huskers are already pretty happy with the haul of Anderson, Lee and Williams.

Running back looks sturdy as the Huskers have Kendall Bussey committed. The running back from New Orleans has quite the fan following already because of his passion for Nebraska and his physical intimidation. Despite standing just 5-foot-8, Bussey looks physically gifted and his film shows a blend of athleticism

and balance as a running back. Perhaps most importantly, he's improved his game as a receiver making him a dual-threat in the backfield.

There are still needs out there for the Huskers with the remaining six to eight spots. First and foremost the Huskers need to find a pair of linebackers. The room which seemed so deep only a year or two ago has been hit by departures and this year's injuries. While the Huskers only graduate Zaire Anderson, there's still a need to develop some linebackers behind the core group.

What the Huskers should be looking for at the position is a pair of guys capable of playing in space and have no issues in either playing coverage or being asked to blitz a quarterback. That's tougher than it seems as it requires a higher level of athleticism than ever to play outside linebacker. Either the WILL or the BUCK position requires a player that can comfortably cover a tight end and has the speed to chase down a slot receiver.

Elsewhere on defense the Huskers should be looking to add some help on the defensive line. NU has three strong commits already with Carlos and Khalil Davis from Blue Springs, Mo., as well as DaiShon Neal from Omaha Central, but there's always a need for depth at the position.

Additionally, NU could lose Randy Gregory after this season to the NFL and there's no assurance that Avery Moss will be able to get back with

the football team. That leaves things pretty thin behind Greg McMullen unless a few younger players step up this fall. Expect Nebraska to add at least one more defensive lineman – likely someone with long arms and a good frame. That seems to be the trend for the Huskers.

On offense the needs aren't as obvious. The Huskers could elect to add help at wide receiver. Lundie is a good start, but NU could be replacing its all-time receiver in Kenny Bell and there's a lot of questions about the current group heading into the season. Perhaps someone emerges, but this is a group that's still searching for another dynamic playmaker. Expect that Rich Fisher will be searching for one too.

The other big position to note could be quarterback. Much of Kevin Dillman's future is up in the air as he won't be participating in varsity football this year at Denton Guyer. That leaves the Huskers with a tough decision. NU has five quarterbacks it likes on the roster, but if someone like Lamar Jackson wants in, it could make for an interesting decision and a bigger log jam at the game's most important spot.

Regardless of what goes down in 2014, as the Huskers enter in-season recruiting, it'll provide some drama and add to the conversation as the team plays out the season.

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# Improved defense gives Cornhuskers something to be optimistic about

BY MICHAEL BRUNTZ

**WANT A REASON FOR OPTIMISM** about Nebraska in 2014? Start with the defense.

Despite a fall camp that saw Nebraska lose three starters/contributors for the year in a span of five days, the Huskers are primed to have one of the more disruptive, talented defenses of Bo Pelini's Nebraska tenure.

"I feel really good about where our first group is and I think our second group is continuing to progress," defensive coordinator John Papuchis said. "They've certainly improved over the course of the last week, and I'd like to see that continue over the year, where we have a solid two groups at every position."

When Nebraska finally takes the field against Florida Atlantic this Saturday and kicks off the 2014 season, the team will likely breathe a bit of a sigh of relief – especially as it relates to Nebraska's defense.

Simply put, it's been a tough fall camp for Nebraska's defense, which saw three contributors lost for the season, and a fourth who transferred.

The bad news came quickly for the Huskers, who lost sophomore linebacker Michael Rose and nickel back Charles Jackson to season ending knee injuries in the first week of fall camp. That Friday, Nebraska also announced that safety LeRoy Alexander had been suspended for the entire 2014 season. Five days, three potential starters gone. Defensive tackle Aaron Curry transferred at the start of the third week of fall camp after being buried on the depth chart.

"There's no magical thing to injuries," Pelini said. "It's a tough sport. Things happen. You look across the country, we're not the only ones who have had guys hurt. When you're talking about ligaments, there's not much you can do to prevent a ligament injury. A lot of our injuries were non-contact injuries, so what are you going to do?"

Though Nebraska lost three important playmakers on defense, plus Curry who started eight games a year ago, the fact that the Huskers' defense is still a daunting, athletic group speaks to, not only the young depth currently on the roster, but also a dramatically different look than what Nebraska has been able to give opponents the past few years.

Obviously, Randy Gregory has gotten the bulk of the preseason attention on defense this summer, but there are a number of other young players poised to break out this fall on Nebraska's defense. Consider that even with the loss of Rose and Jackson this fall, Nebraska will trot out seven defenders this fall who were rated as four-star prospects by 247Sports.

Others like defensive tackles Vincent Valentine and Maliek Collins (both of whom



**With an offense that will still have a sophomore quarterback starting, a dominating defense could relieve a lot of stress for Nebraska, especially early in the season.**

were three-star recruits) are among the best young interior defensive linemen in the Big Ten. Gregory has been downright unblockable during fall camp and Greg McMullen on the other side is an athletic 282-pound defensive end who gets up field in a hurry.

The Huskers are athletic in the right places, have size in the middle of the line, and an athletic secondary – the question remains, however, whether the Blackshirts can carry over the momentum from the end of last season, into 2014.

Don't forget that a very young defense took its lumps last season early on, especially against the run, but by the end of the year had turned into one of the top defenses in the country.

During the Northwestern game, Nebraska's defense opted to play a more attacking style of defense – one that took advantage of the players' athleticism and culminated in Nebraska topping Georgia in the Gator Bowl.

Whether that carries over to 2014 remains to be seen. With an offense that will still have a sophomore quarterback starting, a dominating defense could relieve a lot of stress for Nebraska, especially early in the season.

Nebraska's defense isn't without its warts. The Huskers need to force more turnovers, and some of the depth at certain spots is unproven. Even so, the weapons Nebraska has to deploy on defense make the potential for this group quite high.

We'll get a good idea where this group is once the grind of the conference season sets in, but a little potential and optimism in August is never a bad thing. **N**

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# 2MinuteDrill

Josh Mitchell celebrates a play against Wyoming last season. Mitchell almost was booted from the team as a freshman, but matured and now is one of the leaders of the defense.



**MITCHELL  
MATURES  
INTO TEAM  
LEADER**



By Darren Ivy, Lanny Holstein, Michael Bruntz, Mike Schaefer

Nebraska was a bit a culture shock for Josh Mitchell.

The southern California-raised cornerback had another thing coming when he picked up his things and headed to the Midwest. And it wasn't just the harsh Nebraska winter and the lack of a nearby ocean that caught Mitchell by surprise. He knew what he was getting into in that regard, but it was starting over with a new set of friends and teammates that got to him early in his career.

It got so bad at one point in his redshirt freshman season, that Mitchell was suspended from the team for his poor attitude around facilities. Mitchell said he let his off-field situation get in the way of his on-field persona.

"I don't want to make it sound like I'm making excuses, but I was pretty homesick," Mitchell said. "Coming from southern California to here is a big culture shock. All my friends went to play in the Pac-12 and stuff, so they were closer to home."

Mitchell showed up late to Lincoln, during the second session of summer class, and the other newcomers had already made friends and assimilated, leaving Mitchell to fend for himself. He ended up spending most of his time alone in his dorm room that semester.

"If you spend too much time in dark room in Selleck Hall by yourself, you are going to get kind of depressed," Mitchell said. "A lot of that was just me feeling sorry for myself."

It all turned around for Mitchell when things looked the worst. After his suspension from the team had dragged on, other players began to wonder about him and if he would ever be allowed to rejoin the team.

A few seniors, led by Will Compton, as Mitchell remembers it, decided to take the matter into their own hands.

They led a petition for Mitchell's reinstatement and successfully brought him back on the team.

It was just in time, too. The young defensive back was having thoughts of leaving the program and trying his luck at a school closer to home.

"When I heard about that from my teammates, I knew I didn't want to go anywhere else," Mitchell said. "You don't find people like that everywhere. I was just happy that those guys wanted me to be here, so I decided to get my act together, and it paid off for me."

Now Mitchell is penciled as a starter in the Husker secondary and is a leader in the defensive huddle. Looking back on his first two seasons, he said he's come a long way.

"I thought I was doing the right thing, but I wasn't," Mitchell said. "My attitude was never good, and if you don't carry yourself the right way around the meeting rooms and the team and with others, eventually you burn the wrong end with too many people."

Mitchell no longer lives alone in Selleck Hall.

He has a house with Ameer Abdullah and a few other non-football players and said he spends a lot of time with Tommy Armstrong and Nate Gerry, who live just down the street. He's developed into a much more confident player with the right surroundings, so much so that he's not afraid to let a little trash talk fly on occasion.

"I don't hold my tongue much, and sometimes it gets me in a little bit of trouble," he said. "Some of the guys on the team, they don't like it very much, but I'm very confident in myself and in my teammates, so if I feel like they're not reaching their potential, I do have something to say about it."

With the 2014 season on his mind now and the trouble of his early days squarely in the rear-view mirror, Mitchell seems like a guy comfortable in his own skin, like someone who's grown up over the past few years.

"I don't think I can say I'm a mature adult yet, but I think I have grown and am more responsible," he said.

"I do believe I'm a better person than I was. I listen more, and I assess things. I'm willing to take advice."

## HI'S TOP 5

# NU'S TOUGHEST SEASON-OPENERS DURING STREAK

Kenny Bell encourages the fans during the Wyoming game



- 1 WYOMING IN 2013 – No. 18 Nebraska survived unranked Wyoming 37-34.**
- 2 TEXAS A&M IN 1988 – No. 2 Nebraska topped No. 10 Texas A&M 23-14 in East Rutherford, N.J.**
- 3 FLORIDA STATE IN 1986 – No. 8 Nebraska defeated No. 11 Florida State 34-17 in Lincoln to avenge a 17-13 loss the year before.**
- 4 BAYLOR IN 1990 – No. 7 Nebraska shuts out unranked Baylor 13-0. It was the first shutout in an opener since 1964.**
- 5 OKLAHOMA STATE IN 2003 – Unranked Nebraska upset No. 24 Oklahoma State 17-7 in Lincoln.**

*Nebraska has not lost a season-opener since being upset 17-13 by Florida State in 1985. The 28-straight season-opening wins is currently the longest streak in college football, although the Huskers did get quite a scare last season from Wyoming before hanging on for the 37-34 victory.*





Tommy Armstrong Jr. is embracing his role as the starting quarterback.

# TIME TO BE



# 'THE MAN'

*Nebraska sophomore quarterback Tommy Armstrong went 6-1 as an unexpected starter during his freshman season with the Huskers. The Cibolo, Texas native spent the summer working on his skills with former NFL quarterback Brett Favre and is ready to take full control of the team at quarterback this fall.*

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*It looked like you improved a lot over the course of fall camp. Why was that?*

"My head was kind of swimming the first week just because of all the stuff that was being installed. It's different watching it on film to putting on the film. The first week was difficult for us putting in plays, but the second week, it was just play polishing."

*What's it like being "The Man" this year?*

"It's hard at times, but it's just about being level headed and trusting your coaches and taking whatever they tell you out on the field. That's what I've done this year, rather than last year because I was thrown out there. They've had a whole summer to get me prepared for this."

*What have you seen from Ryker Fyfe this camp?*

"He's progressed a lot. Of course, he's a walk-on, and no one's really given him anything. He's earned everything that he's come up here and done. He's in the film room, he's making the right decisions, and he's leading the right way."

*What's Fyfe like? You must know him pretty well.*

"He's a funny kid. We hang out a lot now, and we'll go to each other's house and play video games. He's a great kid."

*What's your relationship like with Tim Beck?*

"It's improved a lot just because this offseason me and him got a better chemistry, him being the quarterback coach and me being the quarterback. We've been able to have that friendship in the offseason."

*Behind Kenny Bell, there are a lot of different receivers working in the rotation. How does*

*that affect you?*

"I like it better, honestly, fresh legs. Those guys go in and out. Kenny (Bell) may run a deep route, and (Sam) Burtch or Alonzo (Moore) may get him out. There are certain things that we have to be aware of. You can't run somebody to death."

*Don't you need certain guys to be your go-to guys?*

"Honestly, the way that we set up now, it can be anybody. Everybody can learn the same route, and everybody is good at those same routes. It's just a timing thing with certain guys. You just have to know who you have out there."

*Do you take advice from the wide receivers?*

"Kenny Bell and Taariq and all those guys, they've been in big games and stuff like that. Me as the quarterback, sometimes I just sit back and listen to those guys because they've been there and done that. They're not just saying things just to say it. They're trying to help me out."

*How do you respond when your receivers drop the ball?*

"You have to let it go. We have coaches for a reason. We all have different coaches, and they're not all on me when I throw a pick or if I drop the ball or if I call the wrong play, so why not let the coaches deal with them and drive on?"

*Do you get on anyone on the team?*

"Nah. The offensive line guys, they're blocking their tails off for us to get yards, but one play may be the time where you make a mistake and one guy may come free. You have to understand that they are trying to do a job, and they will be criticized on their own."



## MCMULLEN FOCUSING ON ONE GAME AT A TIME

Nebraska defensive end Greg McMullen is taking the classic “one game at a time” cliché to another level.

The lineman said he was surprised the other day when one of his friends showed him the upcoming Nebraska football schedule.

“To be honest with you, I haven’t even seen any news on us,” McMullen said. “The other day I was talking to my friend about our schedule, and I was like ‘Wait a minute. We play that team?’ I don’t even know.”

His friend was incredulous that McMullen didn’t have that baby down by heart, but according to the defensive end, he and his teammates really don’t listen to a bit of the outside noise.

“It might sound weird, but when it comes to outside projections and what people are saying, I haven’t really been focusing on that,” McMullen said. “When I turn on the TV in the morning, it’s talking about Ray Rice or somebody. I just go to work and do my workout to take my mind off of what is coming up on us.”

McMullen isn’t bitter about where Nebraska is projected and what’s expected of the team. He understands that analysts have a job to do just like anyone else. He just doesn’t care what they have to say.

“They have to make their paycheck, but they aren’t going to make one with me,” McMullen said. “They will have to turn off their recorder and walk away because this guy’s not interested.”

It seems like coach Bo Pelini has at least one guy on board with his “ignore the media” mantra. McMullen basically recited from the coach speak playbook at a recent media gathering.

“I figure that if we focus on what we have to do and execute our game plan, it adds up one week at a time,” he said. “It’s the same difference, the same outcome. Instead of looking at it trying to predict this or that, we try to start up

Ryker Fyfe (17) and Johnny Stanton (5) are in a tight battle to backup Tommy Armstrong (4) at quarterback.



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## Quarterbacks battle for No. 2 spot

From the time fall camp started, Tommy Armstrong had a “leg up” in the quarterback race. Coach Bo Pelini deemed him the leader in the clubhouse at Big Ten Media Days, but his performance at practice the first few weeks left a lot to be desired, and it seemingly left the door open for Ryker Fyfe and Johnny Stanton to take his job.

That talk quickly went away with a strong finish to fall camp from the incumbent redshirt sophomore signal caller.

“He really stepped his game up,” offensive coordinator Tim Beck said. “He was much more crisp in the passing game, much more decisive in the running game, read game, option game, all those types of things. I just saw a little extra gear in him. He separated himself a little bit.”

So with Armstrong in at starter this season, attention now focuses on who will be the first man up, should No. 4 go down.

“It’s real important,” Beck said of finding a strong backup quarterback. “You saw last year how important it was, but we’re still evaluating that right now. We’re still really evaluating all of them at this point.

Tommy’s been doing some really good things, and really all of them have. They all possess some things that make them pretty good players.”

As of this writing, Ryker Fyfe has been working with the No. 2 offense the majority of the time, with Johnny Stanton getting his looks on the No. 3 unit. Fyfe’s ability to throw an accurate football has him ahead of the fan-favorite, Stanton.

“He’s really good in the passing game, really gets the ball out quickly,” Beck said of Fyfe. “He’s still developing, he’s still a young player. Sometimes we forget with these guys, he’s only a sophomore, as is Tommy (Armstrong).”

Both Fyfe and Stanton are a little raw, according to Beck.

Neither has any playing experience (minus one pass attempt for Fyfe), and they both have a ways to go in their grasp of the playbook and schemes.

“They’re still seeing things, things are happening to them for the first time, so for me to think they will have all the answers, they’re not,” Beck said. “It’s just going to take some time for them to develop, both in the run game and the passing game.”

with practice one.”

## HUSKERS IN THE TOP 25

Nebraska opens the season ranked No. 22 in both the coaches poll and the AP poll.

The ranking is the lowest for the Huskers to start a season since 2009, when they were ranked No. 24 to begin Bo Pelini’s second season at the helm. Nebraska ended

last season ranked 25th in the coaches poll and unranked by the writers.

## AN OPPORTUNITY ON THE DEFENSIVE LINE

Nebraska is wearing thin on the defensive line, both on the inside and outside. The losses of Avery Moss and Aaron Curry to off-field issues and Kevin Williams to in-

jury have the Huskers down to a three-man rotation at both the end and tackle positions.

That is unless a young player or two were to step up. Starting defensive end Greg McMullen said he’s doing his best to help newcomers like Joe Keels, Peyton Newell, Sedrick King and Mick Stoltzenberg along.

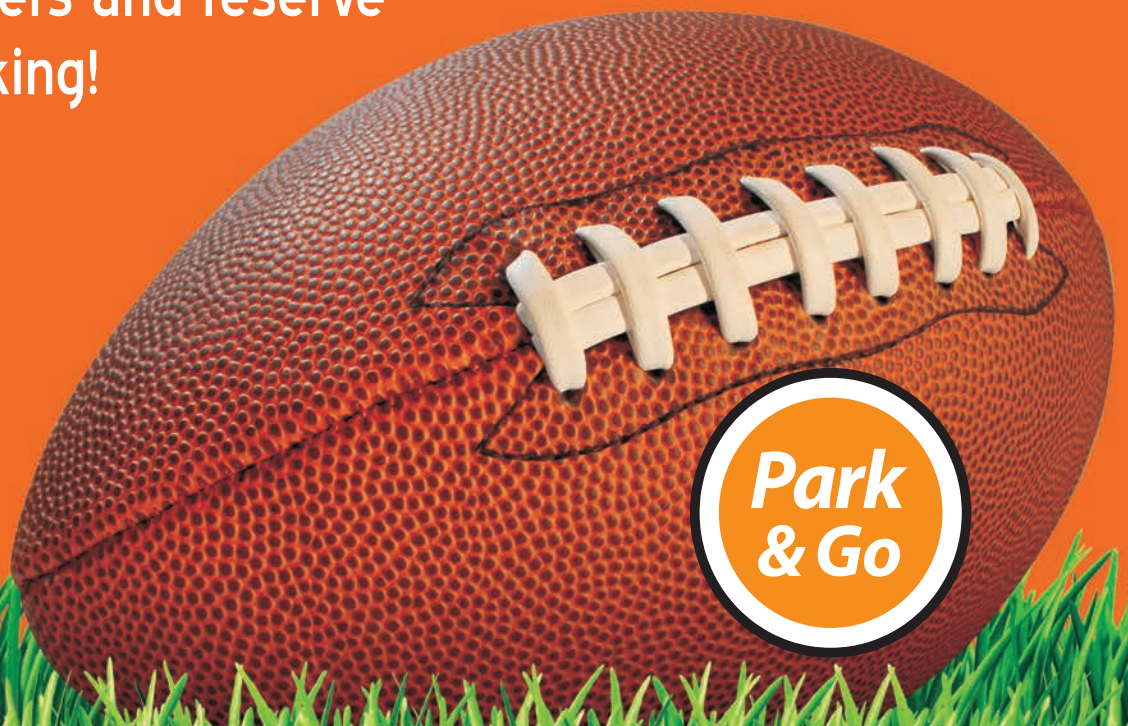
“Collectively as a defensive line, we don’t look at any one of us as bet-



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Defensive lineman Jack Gangwish battles Maliek Collins during practice drills.

ter than the other because at one point, we were those guys,” McMullen said. “When I came in, Jason Ankrah, Baker Steinkuhler, Cameron Meredith, those were the guys I looked up to. Those guys were my idols because they knew the defense, they could make 40 tackles and get on the big screen screaming ‘Go Big Red,’ and I’m a small fry.”

McMullen said coach Rick Kaczinski can be tough on young players initially. He has a reputation as a bit of a yeller.

“Coach Kaz will kind of grow on you,” McMullen said. “You talk to coach Kaz, he’s a great guy. He teaches you not only about football, but also about life goals and how to be a better man, how to become a better you.”

For the next generation of Husker defensive linemen, it’s just important that they give good effort in practice, so they are ready when the time comes.

“It’s going to take time, so whatever you do, go 100 miles an

hour and be the best at it because nobody can ever doubt if you go hard everyday,” McMullen said.

Walk-on Jack Gangwish is one of those players who goes hard everyday and his hard work has been rewarded this fall.

Gangwish received his chance in the wake of NU losing Avery Moss last December.

Now, eight months later, Gangwish has earned a few reps with the starters on defense and has provided depth behind Randy Gregory and McMullen.

While that was never the plan, Gangwish is too happy to have a chance to care.

“I love what I do and playing for Nebraska is the best thing that ever happened to me,” Gangwish said. “I’m a walk-on. I’ve wanted to be a walk-on since I was a tot. I love it. I wouldn’t do anything else.

“In a way a scholarship is a ride, that’s what it is, but being a walk-on means you’ve got to work for everything. Nothing is

given to you at all. I’ve always thought that was really cool.”

The son of a walk-on, Gangwish hails from Wood River, home of Scott Frost. The defensive lineman said he can’t remember Frost from his time in the community but everyone was aware of the talented Husker that had played there before. As a high school senior, Gangwish said his best opportunities came as a wrestler. He had Division I offers. But a conversation with his dad, Paul, helped send him to Lincoln.

“I could’ve taken money at other schools schools or walked on at other D-I programs, but I sat down with my dad and he said that if this was ever anything I wanted to do, that this is the time to take advantage of it,” he said. “I’m blessed I have my family behind me. I didn’t need to take the money somewhere else and now I’m here.”

Gangwish refers to his first few seasons at Nebraska as “do-

ing his time in the trenches,” as he mostly played scout team and bid his time waiting for the opportunity to come.

“The first couple years were long, they were slow and they were hard, but I’d do it all over again, I tell you that,” he said.

“It’s been a long road but I’ve loved every minute of it.”

Now coming off a strong spring and a good three weeks of fall camp, Gangwish said he feels like he’s taken a step to earning playing time.

Always a respected member of the team in the film room and the weight room, Gangwish now has a chance to earn it on the field.

“Coming into fall camp – I had a real good spring – so I was obviously hopeful that I was going to get a lot of time,” he said. “I was hoping to work a lot with the ones because Randy Gregory and Greg McMullen are both great athletes but they can’t play the entire game.”



### BELL LOOKS FOR BIG THINGS IN FINAL YEAR

Kenny Bell is Nebraska's most explosive receiving option on the outside and the Huskers' biggest threat to stretch the field vertically. Bell upped his catch total last year, making 52 catches for 577 yards and four touchdowns, but his yardage total was down from last year.

For Nebraska's offense, Bell is the kind of player that defensive coordinators have to account for on every play, and his speed will allow Tim Beck to move him around in formations and stretch defenses. That will be key for an offense that is going to skew a little run-heavy because of personnel on the roster.

Bell is looking forward to having a year of experience with sophomore quarterback Tommy Armstrong Jr.

"Any time you start to get to know a guy, it only helps you, especially at the quarterback position, especially for myself to build a little bit of chemistry," Bell said. "Unfortunately, I didn't ever have that much, especially last year with Taylor (being injured). So it's nice to have a guy like Tommy and start building some chemistry and start building that now. We'll definitely reap what we sow this fall."

The goal for the team should be to have Bell bounce back from his junior season, stretch the field with Armstrong mixing in a few deep balls and Bell ends his senior season with a 1,000-yard season – the first in program history.

If Bell can have a big year, it should buy time for Nebraska's younger receivers and his play-making ability keeps teams from stacking the box against Nebraska's running game. Expect Nebraska to do everything it can to get the ball in Bell's hands, whether that be via sweeps, quick passes or deep routes.

### POTENTIAL IMPACT PLAYERS THIS FALL

With the first game just around the corner, here are a few under-the-radar players who will have an



impact for Nebraska this fall.

**Alonzo Moore:** Moore played most of last season with a shoulder injury that limited the number of snaps he saw. With Quincy Enunwa gone, Moore will be in the top group opposite Kenny Bell, and will have a chance to show off his speed and athleticism. Moore showed this fall that he has sure

hands and is an improved route runner. He also has the skill to be able to make an impact on special teams as well on kickoff returns if NU chooses to go that direction.

**Demornay Pierson-El:** With wide receivers Brandon Reilly and Sam Burtch out during part of fall practice, Pierson-El saw his reps increase with the second team in

the slot. Nebraska likes to rotate its wide receivers liberally during games and Pierson-El is the kind of athlete that could help Nebraska right away this year. He's also getting a little run in the punt return groups as well, which could help his efforts to not redshirt this year.

**Givens Price:** Everybody knows the story about Price – he





Kenny Bell makes an acrobatic catch during one of the fall practices.

skipped two grades in middle school and enrolled at Nebraska well short of his 18th birthday. After a few years in the program, Price is now starting to show the promise Nebraska saw in him during the recruiting process. Price can play both guard and tackle and will bolster Nebraska's o-line depth in his first real action.

**David Santos:** Santos hasn't gotten much pub this fall, but has quietly been having a steady fall camp alongside Josh Banderas and Zaire Anderson. It seems odd to put Santos on this list, given that he's Nebraska's second-leading tackler from a season ago, but he's one of NU's most veteran defenders and will play a big role.



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## NU unveils latest alternative jersey

For the third-straight season, Nebraska will have one game where it will wear an alternative Adidas uniform.

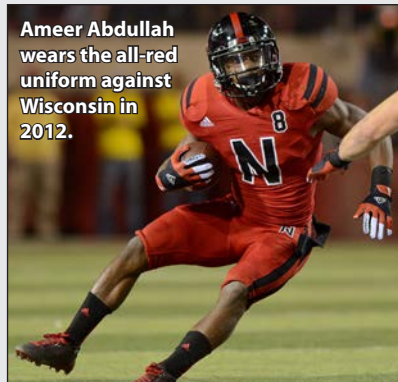
With a black mask so players wouldn't recognize him, head coach Bo Pelini personally unveiled the uniforms to the team. He walked into the team meeting in a No. 14 all-red uniform that featured black metallic stripes on the jersey and pant, ultra-light black and silver metallic numbers and a large Nebraska

drew a bunch of laughs. The entire Husker team will don the Red Rising TECHFIT football uniforms on Sept. 27 when they host Illinois at 8 p.m.

Nebraska's new uniform also incorporates TECHFIT Shockweb technology, which fits tighter to the body, making players more difficult to tackle.

TECHFIT Shockweb is lighter, helping to make the player fast and increasing his range of motion, to support the athlete's performance at

Ameer Abdullah wears the all-red uniform against Wisconsin in 2012.



"N" on the chest of the TECHFIT compression base layer.

Pelini high-fived players and threw the bones before finally taking off his helmet, which

the highest levels.

Nebraska is 1-1 in games with alternative jerseys, losing to UCLA in 2013 and defeating Wisconsin in 2012.

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1	Joseph, Boaz	DB	6-1	190	RFr.	Weston, Fla. (Cypress Bay)
1	Westerkamp, Jordan	WR	6-0	195	So.	Lombard, Ill. (Montini Catholic)
2	Alexander, LeRoy	S	6-0	195	So.	Toledo, Ohio (Whitmer)
2	Darlington, Zack	QB	6-2	205	Fr.	Apopka, Fla. (Apopka)
3	Newby, Marcus	LB	6-1	220	RFr.	North Potomac, Md. (Quince Orchard)
4	Armstrong Jr., Tommy	QB	6-1	220	So.	Cibola, Texas (Steele)
4	Gregory, Randy	DE	6-6	240	Jr.	Fishers, Ind. (Arizona Western CC) (Hamilton Southeastern)
5	Mitchell, Josh	CB	5-11	160	Sr.	Corona, Calif. (Eleanor Roosevelt)
5	Stanton, Johnny	QB	6-2	230	RFr.	Rancho Santa Margarita, Calif. (Santa Margarita Catholic)
6	Bush, AJ	QB	6-3	210	Fr.	Alpharetta, Ga. (Norcross)
6	Cooper, Corey	S	6-1	215	Sr.	Maywood, Ill. (Proviso East)
7	Allen, Taariq	WR	6-3	200	Jr.	Weston, Mass. (The Rivers School)
7	Collins, Maliek	DT	6-2	300	So.	Kansas City, Mo. (Center)
8	Abdullah, Ameer	IB	5-9	195	Sr.	Homewood, Ala. (Homewood)
8	Singleton, D.J.	DB	6-1	200	RFr.	Jersey City, N.J. (St. Peter's Prep)
9	Broekemeier, Tyson	QB	6-1	200	Jr.	Aurora, Neb. (Aurora)
9	Burtch, Sam	WR	6-3	200	Jr.	Murdock, Neb. (Elmwood-Murdock)
10	Kalu, Joshua	DB	6-1	175	Fr.	Houston, Texas (Alief Taylor)
10	Turner, Jamal	WR	6-1	190	Sr.	Arlington, Texas (Sam Houston)
11	Carter, Cethan	TE	6-4	240	So.	Metairie, La. (Archbishop Rummel)
11	Jones, Chris	DB	6-0	170	Fr.	Jacksonville, Fla. (Sandalwood)
12	Gifford, Luke	DB	6-3	200	Fr.	Lincoln, Neb. (Southeast)
13	Anderson, Zaire	LB	5-11	220	Sr.	Philadelphia, Pa. (Riverside CC) (Frankford)
13	Hovey, Lane	WR	6-4	205	So.	Adel, Iowa (Adel-Desoto-Minburn)
14	Rose, Jonathan	CB	6-1	195	Jr.	Leeds, Ala. (Auburn) (Leeds)
15	Pierson-El, Demornay	WR	5-9	175	Fr.	Alexandria, Va. (West Potomac)
15	Rose, Michael	LB	5-11	240	So.	Kansas City, Mo. (Rockhurst)
16	Mosley, Trai	DB	5-10	165	Fr.	Pflugerville, Texas (Hendrickson)
17	Fyfe, Ryker	QB	6-2	210	So.	Grand Island, Neb. (Grand Island)
17	King, Sedrick	DE	6-4	240	Fr.	Plant City, Fla. (Plant City)
18	Irons, Glenn	WR	5-9	155	Fr.	New Orleans, La. (Edna Karr)
19	Keels, Joe	DE	6-3	250	Jr.	Kenosha, Wis. (Highland CC) (Bradford)
19	Tolbert, Jariah	WR	6-3	190	Fr.	New Orleans, La. (Edna Karr)
21	Jackson, Charles	DB	5-11	180	Jr.	Spring, Texas (Klein Collins)
21	Wilbon, Mikale	IB	5-8	190	Fr.	Chicago, Ill. (De La Salle Institute)
22	Ridder, Anthony	DB	6-2	200	Jr.	West Point, Neb. (West Point Central Catholic)
23	Davie, Daniel	CB	6-1	190	Jr.	Beatrice, Neb. (Beatrice)
23	Rose, Austin	IB	6-1	215	Fr.	Lincoln, Neb. (North Star)
24	Kuzu, Murat	IB	5-11	200	Jr.	Plano, Texas (Plano Senior)
24	Williams, Austin	LB	6-0	200	Sr.	Omaha, Neb. (Burke)
25	Gerry, Nathan	DB	6-2	205	So.	Sioux Falls, S.D. (Washington)
25	Holtmeier, Blake	WR	6-2	195	Fr.	Kearney, Neb. (Kearney Catholic)
26	Connely, Thomas	LB	5-11	195	Fr.	Kearney, Neb. (Kearney Catholic)
26	Pelzer, Brady	WR	5-11	170	Fr.	Bellevue, Neb. (Bellevue East)
26	Stovall, Zach	DB	5-11	195	RFr.	Bellevue, Neb. (Bellevue East)
27	Foltz, Sam	P	6-1	200	So.	Grand Island, Neb. (Grand Island)
27	Williams, Kieron	DB	6-0	185	Fr.	Shreveport, La. (Air Force Prep) (C.E. Byrd)
28	Cockrell, Byerson	DB	6-0	185	Jr.	Columbus, Miss. (East Mississippi CC) (Columbus)
28	Taylor, Adam	IB	6-2	210	RFr.	Katy, Texas (Katy)
29	Graham, Nolan	DB	5-11	190	Fr.	Firth, Neb. (Norris)
29	Nabity, Graham	IB	6-0	210	So.	Omaha, Neb. (Elkhorn)
30	Foster, Derek	CB	5-11	185	Sr.	Elm Creek, Neb. (Elm Creek)
30	Kitrell, Bo	FB	6-1	215	Fr.	Ashland, Neb. (Ashland-Greenwood)
31	Felici, Joey	CB	5-9	175	Sr.	Omaha, Neb. (Millard South)
32	Cross, Imani	IB	6-1	230	Jr.	Gainesville, Ga. (North Hall)
33	Bailey, Christian	WR	5-11	200	RFr.	San Clemente, Calif. (San Clemente)
33	McKay, Garrett	LB	5-11	200	So.	Anaheim, Calif. (Santa Ana College) (Servite)
34	Brown, Drew	PK	5-11	180	Fr.	Southlake, Texas (Southlake Carroll)
34	Newby, Terrell	IB	5-10	200	So.	Los Angeles, Calif. (Chaminade)
35	Janovich, Andy	FB	6-1	230	Jr.	Grenta, Neb. (Grenta)
37	Bondi, Mauro	PK	6-0	210	Jr.	Boca Raton, Fla. (West Boca Raton)
38	Jordan, Harrison	FB	5-10	235	RFr.	Omaha, Neb. (Westside)
39	Jakub, Cameron	DB	5-11	160	Fr.	Columbus, Neb. (Columbus)
39	Nelson, Jordan	IB	5-7	180	So.	Omaha, Neb. (Burke)
40	Walton, Jaevon	LB	6-0	235	Fr.	New Orleans, La. (Edna Karr)
41	Santos, David	LB	6-0	225	Jr.	Spring, Texas (Klein Collins)
41	McNitt, Luke	TE	6-2	220	So.	Kearney, Neb. (Nebraska-Kearney) (Kearney)
42	Foster, Trey	TE	6-0	245	So.	Lincoln, Neb. (Southeast)
42	Koley, Creighton	DB	6-0	180	Fr.	Omaha, Neb. (Skutt Catholic)
43	Applegat, Noah	WR	6-2	200	Fr.	Lincoln, Neb. (Pius X)



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43	Roach, Trevor	LB	6-2	235	Sr.	Elkhorn, Neb. (Elkhorn)
44	McCann, Mitch	FB	6-0	225	So.	Omaha, Neb. (Burke)
44	Stoltenberg, Mick	DL	6-5	265	Fr.	Gretna, Neb. (Gretna)
45	Natter, A.J.	DE	6-5	250	RFr.	Milton, Wis. (Milton)
45	Reimers, Bryan	TE	6-5	200	Fr.	Lincoln, Neb. (Lincoln East)
47	Jarzynka, Matt	DE	6-4	220	Fr.	Loup City, Neb. (Loup City)
47	Schumacher, Grant	PK	5-9	165	RFr.	Lincoln, Neb. (Pius X)
48	Rahn, Gabe	WR	6-1	190	RFr.	Le Mars, Iowa (Le Mars)
49	Evans, Erik	DE	6-3	225	RFr.	Waverly, Neb. (Waverly)
49	Weber, Chris	LB	6-3	220	RFr.	Omaha, Neb. (Elkhorn)
50	Johns, Garret	DL	6-0	280	So.	Aurora, Neb. (Aurora)
51	Freudenburg, Ryan	OL	6-5	305	Fr.	Norfolk, Neb. (Lutheran-Northeast)
51	Love, Courtney	LB	6-1	240	RFr.	Youngstown, Ohio (Cardinal Mooney)
52	Banderas, Josh	LB	6-2	235	So.	Lincoln, Neb. (Southwest)
53	Boryca, Alex	LB	6-2	220	Fr.	Cozad, Neb. (Cozad)
53	Kucera, Adam	OL	6-6	315	Jr.	Litchfield, Neb. (Litchfield)
54	Painter, Robby	OL	6-4	280	So.	Centennial, Colo. (Grandview)
54	Poppen, Garrett	LB	6-1	215	Fr.	Giltner, Neb. (Giltner)
55	Maurice, Kevin	DT	6-3	275	So.	Orlando, Fla. (Freedom)
55	Thurston, Paul	OL	6-5	295	So.	Arvada, Colo. (Arvada West)
56	Pelini, Mark	OL	6-0	290	Sr.	Youngstown, Ohio (Cardinal Mooney)
56	Simpson, Brad	LB	6-0	220	So.	Omaha, Neb. (Ralston)
57	Sterup, Zach	OL	6-8	320	Jr.	Hastings, Neb. (Hastings St. Cecilia)
58	Lopez, Joel	DL	6-2	260	So.	Burlington, Ill. (Burlington Central)
58	Whitaker, Corey	OL	6-4	290	So.	Murrieta, Calif. (Vista Murrieta)
59	Finnin, Matt	OL	6-7	305	Jr.	Crete, Ill. (College of DuPage) (Crete Monee)
59	Ortmeier, Trent	OL	6-6	270	Fr.	Dodge, Neb. (West Point Central Catholic)
61	Arneson, Noah	DL	6-3	300	Fr.	Omaha, Neb. (Gross)
62	Conrad, Cole	OL	6-5	280	Fr.	Fremont, Neb. (Archbishop Bergan)
63	Farmer, Tanner	OL	6-4	310	Fr.	Highland, Ill. (Highland)
65	Reeves, Ryne	OL	6-3	300	Jr.	Crete, Neb. (Crete)
66	Utter, Dylan	OL	6-1	285	So.	Papillion, Neb. (Papillion-LaVista)
67	Foster, Jerald	OL	6-3	310	Fr.	Lincoln, Neb. (Southeast)
68	Cotton, Jake	OL	6-6	305	Sr.	Lincoln, Neb. (Southeast)
69	Gates, Nick	OL	6-5	290	Fr.	Las Vegas, Nev. (Bishop Gorman)
70	Kondolo, Chongo	OL	6-4	300	Jr.	Carrollton, Texas (Fresno City College) (Creekview)
71	Lewis, Alex	OL	6-6	290	Jr.	Tempe, Ariz. (Colorado) (Mountain Pointe)
72	Hannon, Zach	OL	6-5	305	RFr.	Kansas City, Mo. (Rockhurst)
73	Hahn, Sam	OL	6-6	300	So.	DeWitt, Neb. (North Dakota State) (Tri-County)
74	Moudy, Mike	OL	6-5	305	Sr.	Castle Rock, Colo. (Douglas County)
75	Long, Chris	OL	6-4	300	Jr.	Blair, Neb. (Blair)
76	Johnson Jr., Dwayne	OL	6-6	285	RFr.	Houston, Texas (Bellaire)
76	Owen, Dylan	DL	6-5	225	Fr.	Westchester, N.Y. (Bridgton Academy) (Somers)
77	Knevel, David	OL	6-9	310	RFr.	Brantford, Ontario, Canada (Pauline Johnson Collegiate)
78	Price, Givens	OL	6-4	310	Jr.	Houston, Texas (Alief Taylor)
80	Bell, Kenny	WR	6-1	185	Sr.	Boulder, Colo. (Fairview)
81	Gladney, Kevin	WR	6-1	190	RFr.	Akron, Ohio (Firestone Senior)
82	Moore, Alonzo	WR	6-2	195	So.	Winnfield, La. (Winnfield Senior)
83	Blum, Jared	TE	6-4	240	So.	Gretna, Neb. (Gretna)
84	Cotton, Sam	TE	6-4	250	So.	Lincoln, Neb. (Southeast)
85	Hart, Greg	TE	6-5	240	RFr.	Dayton, Ohio (Archbishop Alter)
86	Sutton, David	TE	6-3	240	Jr.	Lincoln, Neb. (Southeast)
87	Reilly, Brandon	WR	6-1	195	So.	Lincoln, Neb. (Southwest)
88	Akinmoladun, Freedom	TE	6-4	230	Fr.	Grandview, Mo. (Grandview)
88	Dzuris, Ross	DE	6-3	250	So.	Plattsmouth, Neb. (Plattsmouth)
88	Evans, Tyler	WR	6-1	195	Sr.	Waverly, Neb. (Waverly)
89	Ketter, Connor	TE	6-5	240	RFr.	Norfolk, Neb. (Norfolk Catholic)
90	McMullen, Greg	DE	6-3	280	So.	Akron, Ohio (Hoban)
90	Meduna, Nate	TE	6-5	225	Fr.	Wahoo, Neb. (Bishop Neumann)
91	Miller, Gabriel	LS	6-0	240	So.	Mishawaka, Ind. (Penn)
91	Hoppes, Tyler	DE	6-4	235	So.	Lincoln, Neb. (Wayne State) (Southwest)
92	Faulkenberry, Josh	LS	6-3	240	Fr.	Arvada, Colo. (Arvada West)
92	Williams, Kevin	DT	6-2	275	Jr.	Holland, Ohio (Springfield)
95	Gangwish, Jack	DE	6-2	260	Jr.	Wood River, Neb. (Wood River)
95	Lindsay, Spencer	PK	5-9	205	So.	Kearney, Neb. (Kearney)
97	Rath, Logan	DL	6-4	280	So.	Aurora, Neb. (South Dakota State) (Giltner)
98	Valentine, Vincent	DT	6-3	320	So.	Edwardsville, Ill. (Edwardsville)
99	Newell, Peyton	DL	6-3	270	Fr.	Hiawatha, Kan. (Hiawatha)
	Van Almen, Jack	LB	6-1	215	Fr.	Rochester Hills, Mich. (Stoney Creek)

Scouting Report



# Florida Atlantic Owls



*New coach, many question marks surround Owls as they head to Lincoln.* | DOUG GRIFFITHS

Florida Atlantic would like nothing better than to start the 2014 season the way it ended last season.

The Owls went undefeated in November to finish 6-6.

Finishing .500 this year might be a tall order when you consider FAU welcomes a new head coach in Charlie Partridge and must overcome some notable personnel changes with depth and experience being an issue on both lines of scrimmage and question marks at running back.

A grueling opening couple of weeks greets Partridge and his Owls with trips to Lincoln and Tuscaloosa, Alabama, but if they can survive those two dates without suf-

fering any significant injuries, they just may be a factor in the Conference USA East Division race.

## RECRUITING IS THE NAME OF THE GAME

Partridge was raised in South Florida and his recruiting prowess was a big reason he got the FAU job.

He was credited as the Badgers' lead recruiter in the state of Florida and helped Arkansas land five-star running back Alex Collins.

Now, the tireless recruiter must convince the area's best to stay close to home.

Partridge knows he's in the hotbed of



COURTESY OF FAU SPORTS INFORMATION

Senior receiver Williams Dukes had more than 500 receiving yards and six touchdowns last year.

## THE VITALS

**WHAT:** Florida Atlantic @ #22 Nebraska

**WHEN/WHERE:** at 2:30 p.m. CDT, Aug. 30 in Lincoln (Memorial Stadium capacity 87,000)

**TV:** BTN.

**Radio:** The Husker Sports Network broadcasts the action to 27 statewide radio markets. KFAB (1110 AM) serves as the Omaha affiliate and KLIN (1400 AM) serves as the Lincoln affiliate, while KRVN (880 AM) is a third affiliate that reaches around the state. Join Greg Sharpe (play-by-play), Matt Davison (color and co-hosts Husker Game Day Pregame Show), Lane Grindle (sideline/post-game, co-hosts Husker Game Day), Steve Taylor (co-hosts Husker Game Day Show and Big Red Reaction Show) and Matt Coatney (hosts Big Red Reaction Show and helps anchor postgame studio coverage) for all the action. The game can also be heard live on Huskers.com and SIRIUS Satellite Radio.

**COACHES:** Nebraska: Bo Pelini (49-19 overall, 12-4 in the Big Ten, five seasons). Florida Atlantic: Charlie Partridge (0-0, first season).

**SERIES:** Nebraska leads 1-0.

## FLORIDA ATLANTIC FAST FACTS

**Location:** Boca Raton, Fla.

**Enrollment:** 30,000

**Lettermen Returning/Lost:** 40/23

**Starters Returning/Lost:** 15/12 (counting specialists)

**Offensive Formation:** Spread

**Defensive Formation:** Multiple

## DID YOU KNOW?

Nebraska has won 28-straight season-openers, the longest streak in the nation.

## 2014 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Result
Aug. 30	@ Nebraska	
Sept. 6	@ Alabama	
Sept. 13	Tulsa	
Sept. 20	@ Wyoming	
Sept. 27	Texas-San Antonio	
Oct. 2	@ Florida International	
Oct. 18	Western Kentucky	
Oct. 25	@ Marshall	
Nov. 1	UAB	
Nov. 8	@ North Texas	
Nov. 22	@ Middle Tennessee	
Nov. 29	Old Dominion	





football recruiting and knows his job won't be easy, but he's got a new on-campus stadium and facilities to help his cause.

### FORMIDABLE D

Florida Atlantic's defense turned out to be a pretty tough until last fall.

In the Owls' 12 games, they held six opponents to 18 points or less.

It was a defense that ranked second nationally in passing yards allowed (161.5 yards per game) and 65th in rushing defense (164.4). Furthermore, FAU's D ranked eighth allowing a total of 208 first downs and was 11th in total defense (325.9).

### CONFERENCE USA NEWBIE

Florida Atlantic began playing football in 2001. After competing their first four years as an NCAA Division I-AA independent, the Owls moved to I-A and the Sun Belt.

This season FAU begins play in Conference USA.

### CARL PELINI OUSTED

Just prior to Florida Atlantic's 2013 season finale, it fired head coach Carl Pelini, Nebraska head coach Bo Pelini's brother, after he had resigned Oct. 30.

The university said it had cause to do so because Pelini failed to report certain conduct of a member of his staff.

Pelini resigned after the school's athletic director Patrick Chun said Pelini and former defensive coordinator Pete Rekstis acknowledged using illegal drugs.

Florida Atlantic went 4-0 after Pelini was replaced by interim coach Brian Wright.

Wright was retained by new head coach Charlie Partridge and is the team's offensive coordinator and assistant head coach.

### REMEMBER WHEN?

#### No. 24 Nebraska 49, FAU 3

Sept. 5, 2009 at Lincoln

What a third quarter Roy Helu Jr. had.

He rushed for two of his three touchdowns and 95 of his 152 yards in the quarter as the Cornhuskers routed the visiting Owls.

In his first start for Nebraska, quarterback Zac Lee threw for 213 yards and two scores.

The Huskers forced three turnovers as FAU quarterback Rusty Smith, the Sun Belt Conference's all-time leading passer and preseason offensive player of the year, was intercepted by Matt O'Hanlon and Prince Amukamara, and he fumbled a snap.

The game marked the much-awaited debut of freshman Rex Burkhead, who ran for 39 yards, including an eight-yard touchdown.

Ndamukong Suh helped Nebraska's defense hold FAU to 122 yards rushing.

### DID YOU KNOW?

- Famous college football coach Howard Schnellenberger served as Florida Atlantic's head coach from 2001-11.
- The Owls' roster is full of Florida products. FAU's 111-player roster includes 13 prospects from outside the Sunshine State.
- FAU won six games in 2013, something it hadn't done since 2008.
- The Owls' four-game winning streak last season tied for the program's longest (also in 2008) since joining the Football Bowl Subdivision in 2005.

### Coach Charlie Partridge

#### Resume:

The 40-year-old Partridge (Drake, 1995) was named Florida Atlantic's head coach in Dec. 16, 2013. This is his first head coaching job after



stops at Arkansas (2013), Wisconsin (2008-12), Pittsburgh (2003-07), Eastern Illinois (2002), Iowa State (1998-99) and Drake (1996-97). He followed Bret Bielema to Arkansas from Wisconsin.

### KNOW YOUR FOE

#### Jacquez Johnson, QB, 6-1, 225, Jr.



Is best fit in a system that makes use of his dual-threat abilities. The former junior college transfer accounted for 2,633 yards of total offense in 2013. Johnson ran for 772 yards and 10 touchdowns and threw for 1,876 yards last season. He completed 58.2 percent of his passes (149-of-256) with 12 touchdowns and eight interceptions.

#### William Dukes, WR, 6-4, 190, Sr.



Is one of the better receivers in Conference USA after catching six touchdown passes in 2013. He made 35 receptions for 553 yards last season.

#### D'Joun Smith, CB, 5-11, 190, Sr.



Put up some awfully impressive numbers a year ago as he ranked third nationally in interceptions with seven and was second with 20 passes defended.

### 2013 RESULTS

#### (6-6 overall, 4-4 in Sunbelt)

Date	Opponent	Result
Aug. 30	@ Miami (Fla.)	L, 6-34
Sept. 5	@ East Carolina	L, 13-31
Sept. 14	@ South Florida	W, 28-10
Sept. 21	Middle Tennessee	L, 35-42 (OT)
Sept. 28	@ Rice	L, 14-18
Oct. 5	@ UAB	W, 37-23
Oct. 12	Marshall	L, 23-24
Oct. 26	@ Auburn	L, 10-45
Nov. 2	Tulane	W, 34-17
Nov. 16	@ Southern Miss	W, 41-7
Nov. 23	New Mexico State	W, 55-10
Nov. 29	Florida International	W, 21-6



COURTESY OF JC RIDLEY

Junior quarterback Jacquez Johnson accounted for more than 2,600 yards of total offense in 2013.

**BIGTEN BEAT** | COMPILED BY DOUG GRIFFITHS

# Buckeyes lose QB Miller, Spartans now favorite

Last season the Big Ten took a positive step in restoring some of its credibility in college football circles thanks to Michigan State's win over Stanford in the Rose Bowl.

As the conference braced for the start of the 2014 season, it had a lot of momentum.

The Spartans might be even better than they were a year ago and Ohio State, which hasn't lost a regular season game yet in Coach Urban Meyer's two seasons in Columbus, were being talked about as a national championship contender.

Michigan State was also enjoying tons of praise being heaped on it and some believe the Spartans could run the table in the regular season and with another Big Ten Championship Game victory could be in the four-team College Football Playoff.

When the *Associated Press* preseason poll was released earlier this month, Ohio State was ranked fifth and Michigan State was eighth. It was the first time two Big Ten teams had been ranked that high in the preseason since 2010 when the Buckeyes were fifth and Wisconsin was seventh.

Then came Aug. 18. That's a day Ohio State fans won't soon forget.

Buckeye senior quarterback Braxton Miller reinjured his right (throwing) shoulder in practice. A day later, it was confirmed that the injury would require surgery, his second on the shoulder in the past six months.

Miller's loss is certainly a tough blow to Ohio State's national championship aspirations. It might be even tougher to Miller, the two-time winner of the *Chicago Tribune* Silver Football award, which goes annually to the Big Ten MVP. You'll recall he opted to return to Ohio State for his senior season rather than go pro.

So instead of Michigan State and Ohio State battling it out in the East Division of the now 14-team Big Ten, the Spartans path to Indianapolis' Lucas Oil Stadium just seemed to get a lot easier to navigate.

The two new teams in the league – Rutgers

and Maryland – are in the East Division.

It's the East Division that overwhelming is considered the toughest of the two. However, it's certainly not as tough now with Miller gone for the Buckeyes.

If Ohio State can't challenge Michigan State, which returns 99 percent of its rushing offense and 76 percent of its passing offense from its 13-1 team, in-state rival Michigan may. The Wolverines return starting quarterback Devin Gardner, who vows that he'll make sure Coach Brady Hoke isn't on the hot seat.

The lone new coach in the league, James Franklin, takes over the Penn State program after Bill O'Brien bolted following the 2013 season to be the Houston Texas' head coach.

The Nittany Lions still face an NCAA-imposed two-year bowl ban and scholarship reductions, which will make Franklin's job even tougher.

Even with Ohio State's issues now at quarterback, the West Division is more forgiving. More than likely the West is a three-team race between Nebraska, Wisconsin and probably Iowa.

Following *Huskers Illustrated* takes a look at some of the latest football happenings at other Big Ten schools.

## EAST DIVISION INDIANA HOOSIERS

The media picked IU to finish sixth in the East Division. The Hoosiers, however, could surprise. After all, Kevin Wilson's bunch welcomes back 17 starters from last year's 5-7 team, a team that averaged 38.4 points per game to rank as one of the Big Ten's best offenses.

The problem in Bloomington is on the defensive side of the ball. A year ago, IU had one of the nation's worst defenses, surrendering 38.8 points per game, including 63 to Michigan. Wilson, though, promises 2014 will be different.

"From what I saw in the spring, we're

## EAST DIVISION

### 2014 Standings

Team	Overall Record	Conference Record
Indiana	0-0	0-0
Michigan State	0-0	0-0
Penn State*	0-0	0-0
Rutgers	0-0	0-0
Michigan	0-0	0-0
Maryland	0-0	0-0
Ohio State	0-0	0-0

## WEST DIVISION

### 2014 Standings

Team	Overall Record	Conference Record
Iowa	0-0	0-0
Nebraska	0-0	0-0
Wisconsin	0-0	0-0
Northwestern	0-0	0-0
Minnesota	0-0	0-0
Illinois	0-0	0-0
Purdue	0-0	0-0

\* Not eligible for postseason

### Aug. 28 Games

Eastern Illinois @ Minnesota, 6 p.m.  
Rutgers @ Washington State, 9 p.m.

### Aug. 29 Games

Jacksonville State @ Mich. State, 6:30

### Aug. 30 Games

Florida Atlantic @ Nebraska, 2:30 p.m.  
Penn State vs. Central Florida!, 7:30 a.m.  
Ohio State @ Navy, 11 a.m.  
Youngstown State @ Illinois, 11 a.m.  
Indiana State @ Indiana, 11 a.m.  
Northern Iowa @ Iowa, 11 a.m.  
Appalachian State @ Michigan, 11 a.m.  
Western Michigan @ Purdue, 11 a.m.  
California @ Northwestern, 2:30 p.m.  
James Madison @ Maryland, 2:30 p.m.  
Wisconsin vs. LSU%, 8 p.m.

! – Dublin, Ireland  
% - Houston, Texas

All times CT



going to be significantly improved on defense," Wilson said.

### MARYLAND TERRAPINS

Maryland has nine starters returning on both offense and defense and by the sound of Coach Randy Edsall, he thinks his Terrapins will be more than competitive in their first year of Big Ten play.

Edsall has acknowledged this decision-making process forming the depth chart has become more difficult.

"You want to have those tough decisions to make as you narrow it down and as you're getting there," said the fourth-year Maryland coach. "That's the thing. The more competition we have, the better we're going to be. We're not where we want to be yet, but we're getting a heck of a lot closer now than where we were before."

### MICHIGAN STATE SPARTANS

With Ohio State reeling without Miller, everyone is jumping on the Michigan State bandwagon. ESPN's Kirk Herbstreit now says the Spartans are the overwhelming league favorite.

"Michigan State is now the team to beat in the Big Ten," Herbstreit said.

Coach Mark Dantonio knows his team is now the hunted.

"What we've tried to talk about is how do we handle success now," Dantonio said. "We've had success. We've gotten to a point where we've done some special things."

"I think we're a little bit more of the hunted. That's a good place to be, but it's also a very precarious place to be as well."

### MICHIGAN WOLVERINES

Michigan hopes its new system helps fifth-year senior quarterback Devin Gardner. New offensive coordinator Doug Nussmeier, a noted quarterback guru, brought in the new system and the hope is Gardner has a much better chance than he did in Al Borges' system.

Nussmeier plans to let Michigan's running backs handle the running game, and he's more than happy to let Gardner, who put on 20 pounds of muscle in the offseason, play the role he likes.

"We're going to get back to being a power-running team, in the best traditions

of the University of Michigan," Nussmeier said. "But you have to play to the strength of your players."

Nussmeier loves Gardner's football IQ and believes he's a good fit for his system.

### RUTGERS SCARLET KNIGHTS

There are questions about how ready Rutgers is for the Big Ten. It has a tough schedule with crossover games against Wisconsin and Nebraska, plus nonconference tilts at Washington State and at Navy.

Do the Scarlet Knights have the size to hold up in the rugged Big Ten? They've been a strong defensive team in past years, particularly against the run, and will need to be if they're going to survive Year One in the Big Ten. If Rutgers' pass defense doesn't improve (worst in school history last season, giving up more than 4,000 yards and 31 touchdowns), 2014 will be a season to forget.

### OHIO STATE BUCKEYES

With Miller out, redshirt freshman J.T. Barrett is the Buckeyes' starter and Meyer isn't about to wave the white flag.

"The quarterback is an important cog," Meyer said. "But that's exactly what it is – a cog. It's not the team."

Meanwhile, Miller plans on returning to Ohio State for the 2015 season. He is on course to graduate in December and plans to attend graduate school.

"I love Ohio State and Buckeye nation," Miller said in a news release from the school after his latest injury. Miller first injured his shoulder during the Orange Bowl loss to Clemson on Jan. 3. He first had surgery Feb. 20.

"I want to give all the support I can to my coaches and teammates as they chase a championship this season."

### PENN STATE NITTANY LIONS

Penn State's season opener against Central Florida Aug. 30 to be played in Dublin, Ireland, could be cancelled due to get this: volcanoes.

There's been increased volcanic activity in Iceland and there is concern that a volcano could erupt. If it does, it could disrupt air travel. That would cause a major problem because Penn State is scheduled to fly

to Ireland Aug. 26.

If it is cancelled, it will be played in the United States on a future date.

### WEST DIVISION

#### ILLINOIS FIGHTING ILLINI

Coach Tim Beckman is going with Wes Lunt as his starting quarterback.

The news didn't come as much of a surprise as the 6-foot-5, 225-pound Lunt was thought to be the man to lead the Illini offense when he transferred from Oklahoma State almost a year and a half ago.

"He's made some outstanding throws, he's made some outstanding calls," Beckman said.

Lunt started as a freshman at Oklahoma State, but lost his spot to injury and hasn't played in a game since appearing in a blow-out win against Purdue in the 2013 Heart of Dallas Bowl.

#### IOWA HAWKEYES

Iowa has plenty of depth at both the running back and receiver positions, but fall camp has been important to address a couple of critical question marks.

Left guard on the offensive line and the left cornerback positions had to be solidified. Redshirt freshman Sean Welsh might be the answer at left guard, while three players are vying for left cornerback (sophomore Maurice Fleming, junior Sean Draper and sophomore Greg Mabin).

The other big area of concern is at linebacker, where Iowa is replacing all three of its starting backers this season. The starters will be senior Quinton Alston, junior Travis Perry and sophomore Reggie Spearman.

#### MINNESOTA GOLDEN GOPHERS

One look at the Golden Gophers' schedule and it's easy to see why it's vital that Jerry Kill's club gets off to a very good start.

In fact, on ESPN's Big Ten preview show, their panel believes Minnesota must win six of its first eight games.

Why? Because the last four weeks of Minnesota's schedule is brutal. Iowa, Ohio State, Nebraska and Wisconsin dot the Golden Gophers' November schedule.

#### NORTHWESTERN WILDCATS

The Wildcats had high hopes to erase



# How Nebraska's 2014 Opponents Fared?



**FLORIDA ATLANTIC**  
Result: N/A  
Up Next: Nebraska  
Current Record: 0-0



**MCNEESE STATE**  
Result: N/A  
Up Next: Nebraska  
Record: 0-0



**FRESNO STATE**  
Result: N/A  
Up Next: USC  
Record: 0-0



**MIAMI**  
Result: N/A  
Up Next: Louisville  
Record: 0-0



**ILLINOIS**  
Result: N/A  
Up Next: Youngstown State  
Current Record: 0-0



**MICHIGAN STATE**  
Result: N/A  
Up Next: Jacksonville State  
Record: 0-0



**NORTHWESTERN**  
Result: N/A  
Up Next: California  
Record: 0-0



**RUTGERS**  
Result: N/A  
Up Next: Washington State  
Record: 0-0



**PURDUE**  
Result: N/A  
Up Next: Western Michigan  
Current Record: 0-0



**WISCONSIN**  
Result: N/A  
Up Next: LSU  
Record: 0-0



**MINNESOTA**  
Result: N/A  
Up Next: Eastern Illinois  
Record: 0-0



**IOWA**  
Result: N/A  
Up Next: Northern Iowa  
Record: 0-0



the disappointment of the 2013 season this year, but without their two best playmakers in 2014, things could get worse before they get better.

First, talented running back Venric Mark announced he was transferring.

Then came the announcement that receiver Christian Jones, who paced the Wildcats with 54 catches for 668 yards and four touchdowns last season, would miss the season with a knee injury suffered in practice. In a release, Northwestern coach Pat Fitzgerald said, "This is difficult for our football family and, most importantly, for Venric. We love him, and there is no doubt that we're going to miss him as both a person and a player."

## PURDUE BOILERMAKERS

It's not surprising that Coach Darrell Hazell is going to start the season with sophomore Danny Etling under center.

Etling ended the season as Purdue's starter and beat out Austin Appleby for the job

during camp.

Etling started the final seven games of 2013, completing 55.8 percent of his passes for 1,690 yards and 10 touchdowns.

He threw for 485 yards and four touchdowns against Indiana in Purdue's season finale.

## WISCONSIN BADGERS

Badger coach Gary Andersen is waiting until the last minute to name a starting quarterback. Juniors Joel Stave and Tanner McEvoy are battling it out, but many people Stave will end up being the starter in the opener against LSU.

After all, it was Stave who helped lead Wisconsin to a Capital One Bowl berth as the starter last season.

"We don't make a big announcement for the right tackle, don't make a big announcement for the starting nose guard and we're not going to do that for the quarterback, either," Andersen said.

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# Huskers Illustrated's Projected Nebraska Depth Chart

## DEFENSE

### P/Holder

Sam Foltz  
Mauro Bondi  
Johnny Stanton

### LS

Gabe Miller  
Nate Gerry

### WILL

Zaire Anderson  
Courtney Love

### FS

Nate Gerry  
Zach Stovall

### SS

Corey Cooper  
Anthony Ridder

### NICKEL

Byerson Cockrell  
Josh Kalu

### PR

Ameer Abdullah  
Kenny Bell

### MIKE

Josh Banderas  
Trevor Roach

### BUCK

David Santos  
Austin Williams

### CB

Jonathan Rose  
Daniel Davie

### WDE

Randy Gregory  
Joe Keels

### NT

Vincent Valentine  
Kevin Maurice

### DT

Maliek Collins  
Kevin Williams

### SDE

Greg McMullen  
Marcus Newby

### CB

Josh Mitchell  
Chris Jones

### WRX

Kenny Bell  
Sam Burtch

### LT

Alex Lewis  
David Knevel

### LG

Jake Cotton  
Chongo Kondolo

### C

Mark Pelini  
Givens Price

### RG

Mike Moudy  
Givens Price

### RT

Zach Sterup  
Givens Price

### TE

Cethan Carter  
Sam Cotton

### WRZ

Alonzo Moore  
Taariq Allen

### WRA

Jordan Westerkamp  
Jamal Turner

### KOS

Mauro Bondi  
Drew Brown

### QB

Tommy Armstrong Jr.  
Ryker Fyfe

### IB

Ameer Abdullah  
Imani Cross

### KR

Kenny Bell  
Ameer Abdullah

### PK

Drew Brown  
Mauro Bondi

### FB

Andy Janovich  
Mitch McCann

## OFFENSE



**Darren Ivy**  
(0-0, 0-0)



**Mike Schaefer**  
(0-0, 0-0)



**Michael Bruntz**  
(0-0, 0-0)



**Bob Hamar**  
(0-0, 0-0)



**Terry Douglass**  
(0-0, 0-0)



**Doug Griffiths**  
(0-0, 0-0)



**Lanny Holstein**  
(0-0, 0-0)

#### Last Week, Season

Nebraska vs Florida Atlantic	NU 49-14	NU 52-10	NU 41-13	NU 42-7	NU 56-17	NU 23-17	NU 33-10
Penn State vs. Central Florida	Penn State	Penn State	Penn State	Central Florida	Penn State	Central Florida	Penn State
South Carolina vs. Texas A&M	South Carolina	South Carolina	South Carolina	South Carolina	South Carolina	South Carolina	South Carolina
LSU vs. Wisconsin	Wisconsin	LSU	LSU	Wisconsin	LSU	LSU	LSU
Georgia vs. Clemson	Clemson	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia
Ole Miss vs. Boise State	Boise State	Boise State	Ole Miss	Ole Miss	Ole Miss	Ole Miss	Ole Miss
California vs. Northwestern	Northwestern	California	Northwestern	Northwestern	Northwestern	California	Northwestern





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## Reilly emerges from hockey background



**BEFORE BRANDON REILLY EVER THOUGHT ABOUT PLAYING FOOTBALL, HOCKEY WAS HIS FIRST LOVE. THE TALENTED YOUNG LINCOLNITE MAY HAVE GROWN UP WITHIN PIGSKIN'S**

**TOSS OF MEMORIAL STADIUM, BUT HIS INTEREST WASN'T ON THE GRIDIRON, IT WAS ON THE ICE.**

"I always liked to watch Husker football, but I was big into hockey, so I didn't really play," Reilly said. "I just watched and stuff. About halfway through high school is when I figured out that I liked football more than I thought I did. That's when I really had dreams of playing here."

Reilly was born in 1993, so he may have been alive for the glory days of Nebraska football, but he has no memory of all the national titles and the conference championships of days past. Growing up, it was the Chicago Blackhawks that caught his attention and drew him to the local rink.

Reilly became good enough that he played for the Omaha Lancers for a short time before making the difficult decision to quit hockey and focus on football in high school.

"Before high school, it was either move away and play hockey or play high school sports," he said. "I just decided to play high school sports."

The decision worked out well for the now-redshirt sophomore.

He's worked his way up the depth chart and into position for significant playing time this season. A starting job isn't out of the question either.

"I'm fighting for that starting spot opposite of Kenny (Bell) obviously," Reilly said. "I mean, that's my goal coming in, and I'm just going to

stick to it."

With Quincy Enunwa gone to the NFL, the Huskers have tried anyone and everyone as his replacement. Sam Burtch, Alonzo Moore and Kevin Gladney are Reilly's top competition on the outside, and Jordan Westerkamp and Jamal Turner are threats as well, though they've spent most of their time this fall on the inside.

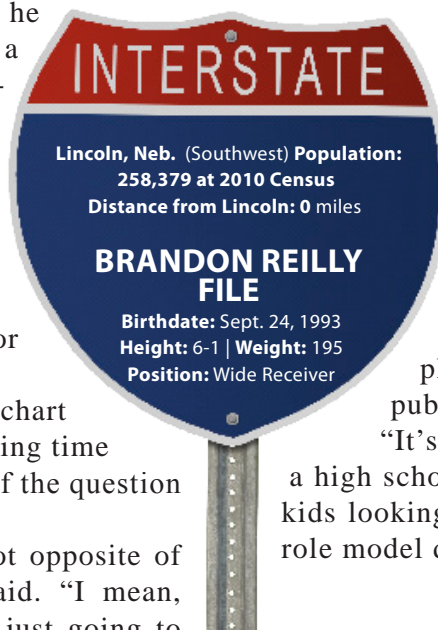
Whether he gets the job or not, goal No. 1 is already checked off the list for Reilly in his Husker career. Before the summer, coach Bo Pelini moved him up from a walk-on to a scholarship player.

"My goal was to get a scholarship after two years," Reilly said. "Most guys come in thinking that they will get a scholarship after their last year or something, but personally, I had high expectations for myself. I wouldn't have come here if I didn't think I had a chance."

The scholarship came after Reilly played in 10 games a year ago, catching three balls for 24 yards. His coming out party in the spring game may also have had something to do with it. Reilly led all receivers with four catches for 92 yards that day.

This year he's hoping to do something bigger, as are all the Huskers, and Reilly said he's starting to understand what all the fuss is about with Nebraska football. He admits that it can get annoying always being compared to the glory days teams that he can't even remember, but he embraces the celebrity that being a hometown Nebraska football player affords him when he goes out in public places.

"It's pretty cool, especially if I go back to a high school game," Reilly said. "I get a lot of kids looking up to me. I kind of like having the role model deal behind my name."



~ Story by Lanny Holstein



Lincoln Southwest graduate Brandon Reilly has stepped up at the wide receiver position for the Huskers.

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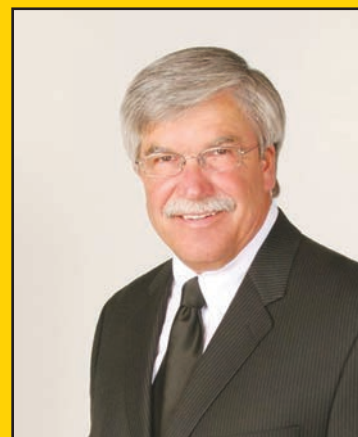
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# Catching up with **BILL GLASSFORD**

Coach 1949-55

By Butch Rasmussen/Huskers Illustrated

It helps to define Bill Glassford to know he was on a first name basis with Vince Lombardi, he had a speaking relationship with “Papa Bear” George Halas, was a close friend to Paul “Bear Bryant” and coached a couple of the greatest players at Nebraska to ever pull on the scarlet and cream in Bobby Reynolds and Tom Novak.

Glassford turned 100 years old last March and has “a loving relationship” with his next door neighbor, Annette Rick, 93. The couple had planned a November cruise through the Panama Canal but Annette’s health issues caused them to cancel.

According to Annette “we have a late in life romance. We’re very fortunate and we know it.”

It’s been 65 years since Glassford signed on as the head football coach of the University of Nebraska Cornhuskers but he had a fascinating life before taking over the head coaching job for the Huskers.

After the bombing of Pearl Harbor Glassford joined the Navy about the same time a guy named Paul Bryant committed to the Navy for the same reason. They both taught survival training to navy cadets and both men gravitated toward coaching a navy pre-flight football team

where they became close friends.

When Glassford referred to this guy by the name of Paul Bryant, I had to ask: Could this possibly be Paul “Bear” Bryant. “Well, yes it was,” Glassford replied.

When the war ended in 1945 Glassford was transferred to Florida by the navy to continue as a survival training instructor while Bryant took the head football coaching job at Maryland.

In 1949 Glassford applied for the head coaching job at Nebraska and was hired. He became the 5th head coach to sign on to coach the Huskers over the previous 7 years.

“When I got the job at Nebraska they said they’d pay me \$10,000,” Glassford said. “Then they asked if I wanted a contract. I told them no. I was so happy with the job I didn’t care to discuss anything else.” the coach chuckled.

He led the Husker football



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program for seven seasons through 1955 and became the longest tenured coach from the time Dana X. Bible stepped down in 1936 until a guy by the name of Bob Devaney came on the scene in 1962.

Glassford’s best season came in 1950 when he won six games in the Big Seven Conference, lost two and tied one with wins over Penn State, Missouri and Minnesota among others. Those Cornhuskers took a big step forward when they grabbed a notch on the AP top 20 poll that year, finishing 17th at season’s end.

There was an extended period of time prior to 1950 when there were no African-American players on the Husker football

team but Glassford said Charlie Bryant, Sylvester Harris and Jon McWilliams came on the scene during the early 50s and he said they were good players. Contrary to what was going on in other parts of the country at that time, he said they never had a problem with racial prejudice in the restaurants and hotels they visited. “NEVER” he said emphatically.

According to Glassford the movement toward black players on his teams had to do with the quality of the athlete not the color of his skin and was often determined in other areas of the country by how accepting citizens and fans were. Glassford said there was no problem whatsoever in Nebraska.



Courtesy Photo

Nebraska's first black athlete was Georgia Flippen in 1892.

Coach Glassford was asked to leave in 1955 after a 5-5 season and was offered a buy-out by the university. He told them to

forget it. "If they didn't want me they didn't have to bribe me to leave," he said.

Glassford coached Omaha center Tom Novak to an All-America season in 1949 followed by Grand Island tailback Bobby

Reynolds' All-America season in 1950. Consensus thinking among knowledgeable Husker fans: A couple of the best ever at Nebraska.

Glassford on Novak: "The toughest guy I've ever seen. He'd go nose to nose with anyone and take them down."

Glassford on Reynolds: "Bobby Reynolds was like velvet. He was a smooth running kid. He could throw he could kick he could do anything. I asked him one day, Bobby, how do you do it? He asked 'how do I do what, coach?' How do you do what you do? He says 'I don't know, I just do it.' Smooth runnin' kid!"

A third Glassford All-America came along in tackle Jerry Minnick of Cambridge in 1952

"Coach is a remarkable man," says Annette.

She's not far wrong.

Coach is on his way to 101 years old, still with an amazing memory and a way of telling his story that belies his age.

A remarkable man, indeed.

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# IN THE RedZone

## Broderick Thomas tops talented Texas list

By Kalani Simpson

*Huskers Illustrated*

You may or may not have done well in geography in school, but now we're giving you another chance.

Husker geography. That's right – this is the perfect subject for tailgate arguments, bar bets or radio drive-time talk shows (you're welcome).

It's time to answer that age-old question: Who is the best all-time Husker from each state?

In the last issue, *Huskers Illustrated* looked at the best players to come out of California. This week we move on to Texas.

**Husker  
Geography  
Part 14**

They say everything is bigger in the Lone Star State. Including the list of greatest Huskers. True, in theory we're debating the No. 1 guy from each state, and some of these guys aren't even in the discussion for the top spot. But to stop at two or three contenders is to not tell the story of the true amount of greatness Nebraska has taken from Texas. So this list is a long one. Settle in and reminisce as we go over this Texas-sized assembly of all-time greats.

### TEXAS

#### BRODERICK THOMAS

*OLB, 1985-88*

Enter Sandman. It's tempting to say that Broderick Thomas was ahead of his time, but, no. He fit in with the flashy, go-go '80s just fine. Sure, he would have eaten Twitter for breakfast, same as he did ballcarriers. But even in his day, he was plenty effective at getting his message out.

You didn't have to wonder what was on the man's mind. Reporters' notebooks or stat sheets, he filled each up eagerly. When Miami linebacker Randy Shannon (who, come to think of it, would go on to later become the Hurricanes' coach) once tried to shut Thomas up by calling him average, the Sandman had a comeback ready to go: "I guess I'm just an average All-Big Eight, average All-American, average Butkus and Lombardi finalist. If that's average, I don't mind being average. If that's



Broderick Thomas  
hits Kansas State  
quarterback Carl Straw.

average, everybody else better get average."

That was vintage Thomas. He had a big mouth. But you loved it because he could back it up. We talk a lot about how Nebraskans are plain-spoken and humble and don't go for Miami-like preening. But they loved Broderick Thomas.

When people call the radio or rail on the message boards about how they wish the Blackshirts could have a little swagger they are not always talking about Jason Peter. Many are dreaming of old No. 89.

He was the Sandman. He had the keys to the house. We talk about how great he could have been if he could have come along just a few years later, and rushed the passer the way Trev Alberts was able to. True. But Thomas didn't seem like he was being held back. He had 10 sacks as a senior, 17 tackles for loss, all while breaking up six passes. He was a great pass rusher, but he could do it all. Consensus All-American, a captain, Big 8 defensive player of the year. First-team all-Big 8 three times.

You know, average.

Tom Osborne himself was the most plain-spoken of Nebraskans, straight-arrow and button-up. But he, too, loved Broderick Thomas.

#### TURNER GILL

*OLB, 1981-83*

Turner Gill never lost a Big 8 game. Hold, on take a second and read that stat again. We know Nebraska was pretty good in the 1980s because we hear all the time about the Scoring Explosion. But the '90s juggernaut and a missed go-for-two seem to have blurred the record a little, as to exactly how good those early-'80s Nebraska teams were. So let's go over that opening sentence again: Turner Gill never lost a Big 8 game.

Remember the 1995 Nebraska team? Yeah, that's pretty much what the early-'80s looked like. And Turner Gill was the guy at the wheel.

#### KELVIN CLARK

*OT, 1975-77*

Consensus All-American, former Lifter

# All-Time Greatest Huskers From Each State



of the Year, graded road for the likes of Rick Berns and I.M. Hipp. Tom Osborne called him possibly the best offensive lineman ever to play for the Big Red. This was before the '80s and '90s, but still, that's pretty good.

## AARON TAYLOR

*C/G, 1994-97*

A first-team All-American at two positions, won the Outland Trophy, named to Sports Illustrated's All-Century team. He left Nebraska with every school pancake record (subsequently broken by fellow All-American center by Dominic Raiola). He was first-team all-conference three times in a row. He was on teams that won four straight bowl games and he played on three national championship teams – two as a starter. At any other school he'd be unquestionably its best offensive lineman of all time. At Nebraska? He's probably somewhere in the top five. Where, exactly? Well, let the arguments begin.

## JUNIOR MILLER

*Tight End, 1977-79*

His name still brings a gleam to the eyes of many a Husker fan. Want to brighten your dad's day? Say the words "Junior Miller" and stand back as the stories pour out.

## KEYOU CRAVER

*Cornier Back, 1998-2001*

You can pick all the quarterbacks and I-backs you want, but the guy who knew football listed Keyou Craver as his favorite player. A lockdown corner, big-play threat, tough guy, smart guy, guy who did the gritty things that win games, like blocking punts. An All-American. A captain. Why did Michigan State just win the Big Ten? Because the Spartans had their 2013 version of Keyou Craver locking down the corner.

## REX BURKHEAD

*I-Back, 2009-12*

Rex Burkhead is simultaneously the most overrated and the most underrated player in Husker history, and each of those extremes is likely brought about at least a little thanks to the subconscious, emotional reaction to his,

um, skin condition. It's true, nagging injury robbed him of having the senior season that could have legitimized his having sold more jerseys than Johnny, Tommie, Rosey and Suh (and likely more than all of them combined). Yet, he never had that senior season, never got that exclamation point.

So, despite all that hype, maybe he wasn't an all-time great after all? Maybe there was some other reason every fan in the stadium was wearing No. 22? Except, even without that senior season, he still left Nebraska at No. 5 on the all-time rushing chart.

## AARON GRAHAM

*Center, 1992-95*

Milt Tenopir, the line coach of all line coaches, called Aaron Graham the best center he ever had. Of course, Tenopir didn't know Aaron Taylor and Dominic Raiola would be coming right along so soon afterward, but still – the best ever to that point. A first-team All-American, two-time All-Big 8, team captain and two-time national champion. His resume goes up against pretty much anybody's.



# Former Touchdown Club owner to share stories

By Butch Rasmussen

*Huskers Illustrated*

Greetings from a longtime Husker fan. I'm not an educated journalist. I was in the bowling business in North Platte for 42 years before selling out and retiring in 1999.

My business career involved serving as president of a family corporation that owned Kentucky Fried Chicken and Little King sub sandwich franchises. I wrote a bowling column for the *North Platte Telegraph* newspaper for 12 years and for the past 5 years I've written a Sunday sports column for the *Telegraph*.

I owned the 32-lane Cedar Bowl bowling center in North Platte, and in 1997, expanded our Cornhusker-themed Touchdown Club sports bar from 1,000 square feet, seating 65 customers to 6,000 square feet, seating 250 customers.

In a successful effort to fill the walls and seven display cases with photos and memorabilia we searched through the archives of the University of Nebraska photo lab, the *Omaha World-Herald*, the *Lincoln Journal Star* the State Historical Society and the UNL campus library among other stops.

Our search was geared toward photos worthy of our esteemed plan to tell the story of over 100 years of Husker football on the walls of our Touchdown Club.

When it was finished we had the largest collection of Husker football photos and memorabilia any place in the country with the exception of the unmatched collection owned by the University Of Nebraska.

Each of the photos we acquired had to have a text strip to tell viewers the story behind the photo. This of course involved many hours of research and created an in-depth education on all things Cornhusker.

We had authentic replica jerseys of Husker Heisman, Outland and Lombardi award winners on display in the center court of our club. We categorized photos into representative groups such as The Devaney Years, Visitors to the Touchdown Club, National Championship Seasons, The Early Years, The Arena, (the stadium), The Mags (Sports Illustrated covers), and even set aside an area for old photos of North Platte, the home of Buffalo Bill. Some of those went back prior to 1880.

My wife Barb, (now my ex) set out to gather a collection of authentic Big 12 helmets and she has a story to tell about each equipment manager she contacted and the cooperation or lack of such that presented her with a daunt-



**TOUCHDOWN TONY DAVIS AND HEISMAN JOHNNY RODGERS HANG WITH THE BOSS DURING HOMECOMING FESTIVITIES AT THE TOUCHDOWN CLUB IN SEPT. 1997. SIXTEEN FORMER HUSKER ATHLETES ATTENDED THE GRAND OPENING EVENT FOR THE NEW CLUB.**

ing task. Over a period of a couple years she built the collection of Big 12 helmets that were displayed in the front entry showcase at the Touchdown Club. We soon filled seven display cases with memorabilia and placed over 650 photos on the walls

Although retirement came along in 1999, I remained active in the Touchdown Club as a labor of love and continued to add or remove photos and memorabilia as the situation dictated. The Cedar Bowl and the Touchdown Club were sold again last spring to developers who wanted to remodel with a new theme and asked that the photos and memorabilia be removed. Many of those items were sold in a package deal and our one of a kind collection of photos and memorabilia are gone.

My interest in Husker football began when I was about 10 years old. I'd attend games with my family and would walk down from the west stadium, across the cinder track and sit on the opposing team's bench while the game was in progress.

Growing up and well into my adult years, we used to continuously enjoy friends playing for the Huskers and our Friday afternoon attendance at walk-through on home game weekends was part of our Husker football experience as we traveled from North Platte for home games.

Several years ago a couple close friends who lived far from Nebraska told me they missed all the Husker news available to in-state Husker fans.



In an attempt to tend to their Husker passion I began sending them news articles from Nebraska. It was a chit-chat gab fest that picked up speed and interested Husker fans and today I send out The Husker Newz several times a month from my home computer to a group of Husker Fanz who number over 125 in 22 states. It's great fun for all involved. Several former Husker players are among the Husker Fanz.

Cornhusker football has been a big part of my life since the days of Coach Bill Glassford, (1949-55) now 100 years old and living in Scottsdale, Arizona. I value the close friendships I have with many former Huskers today and with others who have worked with the program for these many years and look forward to sharing their stories in coming issues of *Huskers Illustrated*.

# Coaches Corner

*with Bill Spangler*  
*Head Men's Golf Coach*



Huskers Illustrated reporter Lanny Holstein recently visited with Nebraska men's golf coach Bill Spangler, who is in his 14th season, to talk about his team's upcoming season, which gets underway on Sept. 7 at the Gopher Invitational in Minnesota.

**HI:** What kind of a team do you have this year?

**BS:** Coach Judd Cornell and I both like the talent we have coming back, and we have a couple newcomers, a kid from prep who was the state high school champion, and then an international player. We expect both of those kids to, for sure, battle to be in the starting lineup.

**HI:** Who is a golfer or two to look out for this year?

**BS:** Josh Reinertson had a really, really good spring. He had our lowest stroke average in the spring and had a terrific summer coming really close to winning the men's stroke play and match play tournaments this summer. He qualified for the US Amateur as well, so I look for Josh to continue his fine play. He has a wonderful work ethic and I think the guys will see that.

**HI:** This will be the second year in a row without a home tournament. Why is that?

**BS:** There are so many tournaments during the same time, during that same weekend, and a lot of those tournaments are drawing all those teams, so it's hard to get a good field. In the past we would host, do pretty well or win it and the strength of schedule would take a hit. That's part of the formula for rankings. We just decided to travel during that time because we are playing in a tournament that will boost our strength of schedule rankings.

**HI:** Did you ever consider hosting the tournament at some other point in the season?

**BS:** That's something we considered, but a course like Arbor Links where we've hosted in the past, their calendar is pretty filled. In past years, we've hosted at Firethorn, which is a great, great gold course. We discontinued hosting there because we got in a tournament in Toledo at a course that hosts major championships. We tried to get back in later, but they had filled the dates.

**HI:** Where do you guys practice?

**BS:** The majority is at Firethorn and Wilderness Ridge. Those are two great facilities. I really enjoy Firethorn. It's a great golf course. We do mix it up though. We are actually going to go down to Beatrice and play, and we'll continue to dabble with Arbor Links. We've gone down to Hillcrest on occasion and Lincoln Country Club."

## This Week



## Husker Athletics

### Friday, Aug. 29

#### *Women's Soccer*

Butler at Nebraska Soccer Field at 5:30 p.m.

#### *Volleyball*

Florida State at Bob Devaney Sports Center at 7 p.m.

### Saturday, Aug. 30

#### *Football*

Florida Atlantic at 2:30 p.m.

### Sunday, Aug. 31

#### *Women's Volleyball*

Stanford at Bob Devaney Sports Center at 1 p.m.

#### *Women's Soccer*

Marquette at Milwaukee, Wis. 1 p.m.

### Friday, Sept. 5

#### *Women's Soccer*

Oklahoma at Nebraska Soccer Field at 5:30 p.m.

#### *Cross Country*

Augustana Twilight at Sioux Falls, S.D.

### Saturday, Sept. 6

#### *Football*

McNeese State at 11 a.m. at Memorial Stadium

#### *Volleyball*

CSU Bakersfield at Dayton, Ohio at Noon  
Eastern Kentucky at Dayton, Ohio at 3 p.m.

### Sunday, Sept. 7

#### *Men's Golf*

Gopher Invitational at Independence, Minn.

#### *Women's Soccer*

North Dakota at Nebraska Soccer Field at 1 p.m.

### Monday, Sept. 8

#### *Men's Golf*

Gopher Invitational at Independence, Minn.

#### *Women's Golf*

Chip-N-Club at Wilderness Ridge in Lincoln 8:30 a.m.

### Tuesday, Sept. 9

#### *Women's Golf*

Chip-N-Club at Wilderness Ridge in Lincoln 8:30 a.m.





From left to right: Gigi Gray, Lindsay Gray, Katy Gray, Caroline Gray and Peepers Gray poses with a painting of Kevin at the Father's Day Run in his honor in Kansas City.



Caroline Gray poses with her late father, Kevin, and mother, Katy, during her signing with Nebraska in 2011.



Caroline Gray poses with her late father, Kevin, for their final photo together before his death in June 2011.

# Gray is NU's steady force

## Senior midfielder plays soccer the way her late father would have liked

By Darren Ivy

Huskies Illustrated

Looking back on her first three years at Nebraska, senior midfielder Caroline Gray can not believe how fast it has gone by.

At this time three years ago, Caroline had gone through exhibition games at Notre Dame and South Dakota State and was preparing for her collegiate debut against No. 3 North Carolina.

Caroline, who was one of seven freshmen on the team that season, knew Nebraska fans were supportive, but she wasn't prepared for the school-record crowd of 2,319 who showed up to watch the unranked Cornhuskers almost pull the upset before falling 2-1.

"I remember being so nervous but excited," Caroline said. "It was such an adrenaline rush. I was really bummed when we lost because we definitely could have won. It was an incredible atmosphere and a great first-game experience for my college career."

The No. 13 Huskers opened with a 4-0 victory over SMU on Aug. 22 at the Nebraska Soccer Field.

"Time has gone by faster than I thought it would," said Caroline, who is one of seven upperclassmen on the Huskers' roster this season. "It

still seems like my freshman fall. This season is definitely going to be bittersweet."

NU was scheduled to face DePaul on Aug. 24 and will be back in action again Aug. 29 against Butler at the Nebraska Soccer Field at 5:30 p.m.

"We are definitely in the mindset where we want to get the program back to where it was in the 1990s," said Caroline, who helped Nebraska reach the NCAA Tournament last season for the first time since 2005.

### LEADER OF THE PACK

In that first season for Nebraska in the Big Ten, Caroline started every game as NU struggled to a 7-10-1 record and failed to qualify for the 2011 Big Ten Tournament.

As a sophomore, Nebraska continued to struggle to a 7-12-1 record, but did make the Big Ten Tournament. That set the stage for last season when Caroline helped Nebraska to its most successful season (19-4-1) in more than a decade that included Big Ten regular-season and tournament championships and the school's first NCAA Tournament berth in nine years.

NU finished the 2013 season ranked No. 13 and that's where Caroline and her

Nebraska's Caroline Gray dribbles against Iowa during the 2013 season.



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teammates begin this season.

Caroline is now one of five seniors that the 12 new freshman on the team are looking up to for guidance.

"It's a learning experience," she admitted. "It takes a lot of patience. (Coach) John (Walker) has emphasized to our senior class that we need to communicate and answer questions and help out as much as we can."

That role fits Caroline well.

"I think I am a very communicative person," said Caroline, who is majoring in marketing. "I communicate with my teammates on and off the field. I try to keep the

team standards up and keep the team on the same page."

Depending on how the season goes, Caroline may break into the all-time top 10 for games started, which takes 79 career starts. Heading into this season, she has 61 starts with her only non-start being the opening game of her sophomore season due to an injury. However, she did come off the bench that game.

In three years, Caroline has scored five goals and dished out nine assists. Perhaps her biggest individual highlight was a free kick goal with one second remaining in double overtime to defeat Wisconsin

on the road last season.

"She has had a very strong and consistent career at Nebraska and has improved each and every season that she has been here," Walker said. "She plays in the middle of the midfield and has been a key player for us with her passing, ball winning and vision. To have started every game here is a testimony to her consistency and talent."

#### TOUGH BEGINNING

When Caroline arrived as a freshman, she was still mourning the loss of her father, Kevin, who has passed away on June 15, 2011 after a short battle with cancer.

"Kevin loved soccer and he was a huge advocate for soccer in Kansas City," said Caroline's mother, Katy Gray.

Walker, who had secured Caroline's commitment to Nebraska when she was a sophomore at St. Teresa's Academy, visited Kevin in Kansas City about a week before he passed away.

"He told Kevin, you don't have to worry about her," Katy said. "She will be part of our family at Nebraska and we will take care of her. I can't think of a better place she could have gone. Kevin knew Caroline was going to a good place. John told me if



Caroline Gray scored her first goal of the season on this play to give NU an early 1-0 lead in its 4-0 season-opening victory against SMU.



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[Caroline] was not doing well, he would let me know. That was a great sense of comfort.”

Katy said Walker never had to contact her that first semester.

“I was really proud of her,” Katy said. “She really handled it well. I think she looked on with dad being there in spirit. That gave her the ability to work harder.”

Jordan Jackson, who had been a junior when Caroline arrived on campus and a member of the same club soccer program in Kansas City, also took her under her wing when she arrived.

“Everyone on the team was so welcoming,” Caroline said.

However, on Sept. 27, 2011 Jackson also lost her father, Craig Jackson, to cancer.

“We both didn’t really like to talk about it but we definitely got closer because of it,” Caroline said. “We knew we were there for each other and going through the same pain so it was nice having her.”

Katy said Walker did a tremendous job of not only being a coach, but also being a father figure for both girls during a tough time in their lives.

“He had two competitors,” Katy said. “They didn’t want to let the team down so they rose to the occasion and competed.”

Caroline said she still wears wrist bands every game that a girl on her club



Caroline Gray hugs her mother, Katy, before the SMU game.

team made that say K.G.

“I give it a touch before every game,” Caroline said. “I honestly play each game for him.”

Following the death of Kevin, Sporting Kansas City named a soccer award in his honor to recognize the top players in the Kansas City area.

Caroline was the inaugural high school winner in the summer 2011.

“That was an emotional one,” Katy recalled.

Added Caroline, “It was a cool thing.

I know he would be proud. It has made me work so much harder towards soccer and my training just to make him proud.”

In 2013, Nebraska sophomore Jaycie Johnson was the Kevin Gray award winner. Fellow Husker Sydney Miramontez also was one of three players nominated for the award in 2013. This summer, incoming freshman Haley Hanson was a finalist for the award.

“Nebraska has definitely been getting some of the best players from the Kansas City area the last few years,” Katy said.

In 2012, the Kevin Gray Memorial 5K run was established, and it is now in its third year of existence being run by the Kansas Speedway and T-Bones baseball stadium, two places that Kevin was instrumental in bringing to the Kansas City area as President of the Kansas City Sports Commission.

Walker, and his wife, Mary, and their kids have participated in the Father’s Day 5K all three years.

“He’s been a father figure to me and he’s a family man,” Caroline said. “It makes me feel special and lucky to have him.”

## FINAL HURRAH

Katy is glad the flooding along the Missouri River subsided after Caroline’s first fall in Lincoln.

“It was taking us four to four and a

half hours to get to Lincoln,” Katy said. “It’s only three now. We’ve also learned you have to slow down on that stretch of Highway 2 by Nebraska City. It has gotten a few members of the Gray family.”

This year Katy said she plans to make most of the home and away games since this will be Caroline’s final hurrah.

Caroline said after living with Jackson, who graduated last year, she is staying with her Kansas City roots and now living with Johnson and Miramontez, who played with Caroline’s younger sisters in club soccer.

“It has kind of worked out that way,” Caroline said. “I didn’t really plan it that way. I don’t see Jaycie as being that much younger than me as we are now teammates. I have been watching her play for a long time. I know she is wanting to make an impact again this year. She won’t be a one-year wonder.”

Caroline said she would like to see consistent crowds in the thousands like she experienced her first game as a Husker and thinks fans will like the product on the field.

“Everyone from spring has contributed and gotten so much better,” Caroline said. “Coach Walker has told us that we are one of the most improved team’s he’s ever had from one season to the next. I hope people come out and support us. The should expect great things from us.”

# 10 questions

with Jaycie Johnson  
Sophomore Forward



## 1 What was it like to break onto the scene last year as a freshman with 17 goals?

JJ: It was awesome, a great feeling for me, like something that I’ve dreamed of all my life. It was awesome that it become a reality last year, playing with those girls, winning two Big Ten titles and playing in the NAAs. I was just so lucky and blessed to be a part of it.

## 3 How different is this team from last year?

JJ: There’s 11 returners and the 12 incoming freshman, so that’s a little different because last year there were only six freshman coming in in my class and a lot of people to look up to, but I think our personality is almost exactly the same. All of us love to hang out together, people are just taking on different roles.

## 4 What do you remember about the way last season ended, losing in the second round to Boston College?

JJ: We’re completely past it, but we are also going to use it to motivate us. We won’t let that happen again, that feeling we had after we lost on our home field. Boston College is a good team, but we don’t want to feel that way again. We are past it though. This is a new team, it’s a new season.

## 5 What do you think about starting the season ranked No. 13 and having high expectations?

JJ: Honestly, our expectations are pretty much the same. We just want to go out and win another Big Ten championship. We just want to train day in and day out and give it our best. We expect all the freshman to adjust to what we are doing, and work at that same level. So far we have that. I’m excited to see what will happen.

## 7 What is your analysis of the way the US played?

JJ: I feel like they played a lot better than everyone though they would. I mean, no one thought they would make it out of the group, and they proved all of us wrong. I feel like they looked pretty strong against everyone they played. Tim Howard obviously saved us a lot back in the goal, but it was fun to watch them and see them excel at the highest level.

## 8 What’s the best BBQ restaurant in KC?

JJ: Gates barbeque hands down is my favorite barbeque restaurant. I get either their ribs or their pulled pork sandwiches. The sauce does it for me, and the pickles are so good.

## 9 Is Lincoln as big of a soccer town as Kansas City?

JJ: Honestly, I think there is support for Husker athletics in general. With girls soccer and the season that we had last year, a lot of people started to come out and support us. People are starting to hear a lot more that Nebraska has a soccer team. It’s awesome to see soccer evolving in Lincoln like it did in KC.”

## 2 Who were your mentors as a freshman?

JJ: Two big ones for me were Jordan Jackson and Mayme Conroy. They were the girls in my position. When I came in, they took me under their wing and helped me better my game and get into the style we want to play. If they hadn’t helped me, I wouldn’t have had the success that I did. They made soccer a lot more fun for me too.

## 6 Are you a soccer fan off the field? Thoughts on the World Cup?

JJ: All of the team, we would have watch parties together, obviously for all the USA games, but we would watch all the other games as well. It was so fun. We were all very entertained for that month.

## 10 How much different is Nebraska than back home?

JJ: It’s really not that much of a difference for me. I think that’s why I really liked it here. It reminds me a lot of Kansas City, my hometown. I live on a lake back in Kansas City, so I kind of miss that a little, but it’s really almost the same. It’s the city, there’s a school, and I don’t know, it really reminds me of my hometown.

~As interviewed by Huskers Illustrated’s Lanny Holstein



# Optimistic Outlook

## Youthful, but experienced team returns

Story By Bob Hamar • Photos by Joe Mixan

The Nebraska volleyball team poses for their team photo before the season.



**WHEN JOHN COOK LOOKS AT HIS NEBRASKA VOLLEYBALL TEAM, HE SEES A SQUAD LOADED WITH ATHLETIC ABILITY.**

**FROM SETTERS MARY POLLMILLER AND KELLY HUNTER TO MIDDLE HITTERS CECILIA HALL AND MELANIE KEIL TO OUTSIDE HITTERS KADIE AND AMBER ROLFZEN, THE HUSKERS ARE LOADED WITH ATHLETES.**

“We’re a physical team,” Cook said. “We have athletes at every position. Mary and Kelly are the two highest-testing setters we’ve ever had in this program. Cecilia and Melanie are the two highest-testing middles we’ve ever had in our

performance testing. Kadie and Amber are both in the top five at the outside hitter position.”

Not only are the Huskers -- who were 26-7 a year ago -- athletic, but Cook said they are extremely skilled at the game of volleyball too.

“We’re very athletic and I think our skill level is very high,” Cook said. “I mean our serving, passing, defense and ball handling is very high and will be a big strength of ours. I like our athleticism, we’re physical at every position and we’re going to be able to matchup with every team in the country.”

The Huskers couldn’t matchup with Texas a year ago when the Longhorns swept NU 3-0 in a regional final at the Devaney Center. The Huskers lost just one player from that match, but it was a big loss.

Kelsey Robinson, who was a leader both on and off the court, completed her eligibility after transferring from Tennessee for her senior season. Robinson was the Huskers go-to player. She led the Huskers with 530 kills, far ahead of Kadie Rolfzen who had the second-most on the team with 377.

Not only that, but Robinson was the player the Huskers looked to at crunch time. Now Cook is trying to figure out who the go-to player will be in 2014.

“That’s the No. 1 question that will determine how far this team goes, how many matches we win,” Cook said. “Do some of these other players -- Kelsey Fein, Kadie, Amber, the middles -- step up in big moments? Kelsey was not afraid to step up in big moments. They all watched it and saw it. Now we don’t want to just rely on one person. On a given night it could be any one of those.”

Kadie Rolfzen may be the most likely candidate.

“Up until college she’s proven it her whole life in club and high school,” Cook said. “The same with Amber. I think those are the two logical ones. They were top 10 recruits. It’s time for them to step up.”

Pollmiller, who transferred from Tennessee along with Robinson, said she saw all the players step up at key points in matches when the Huskers traveled to China and Japan this summer.

“At different points in time everybody has looked at me and said, ‘Hey, I want the ball,’” Pollmiller said. “So it’s more everybody now instead of just one person.”

The Huskers will need to be ready to face another tough Big Ten season. Seven conference teams were rated in the preseason AVCA top 25, including Nebraska at seventh.

Defending national champion Penn State was No. 1, Wisconsin sixth, Purdue eighth, Illinois 11th, Minnesota 12th

## 2014 Nebraska Volleyball Schedule

Aug. 23, 2014	Red-White Game	Devaney Center	White 3-1
AVCA Showcase			
Aug. 29, 2014	Florida State	Devaney Center	7 p.m.
Aug. 31, 2014	Stanford	Devaney Center	1 p.m.
Flyer-Raider Invite			
Sept. 5, 2014	Dayton	Dayton, Ohio	6 p.m.
Sept. 6, 2014	CSU-Bakersfield	Dayton, Ohio	12 p.m.
Sept. 6, 2014	Eastern Kentucky	Dayton, Ohio	4 p.m.
Ameritas Players	Challenge		
Sept. 12, 2014	Denver	Devaney Center	TBA
Sept. 13, 2014	Colgate	Devaney Center	TBA
Sept. 17, 2014	Creighton	Devaney Center	TBA
Sept. 20, 2014	Texas	Devaney Center	TBA
Sept. 24, 2014	Iowa *	Devaney Center	TBA
Sept. 27, 2014	Iowa *	Iowa City, Iowa	TBA
Oct. 3, 2014	Penn State *	Devaney Center	TBA
Oct. 4, 2014	Ohio State *	Devaney Center	TBA
Oct. 10, 2014	Michigan State *	East Lansing, MI	TBA
Oct. 11, 2014	Michigan *	Ann Arbor, MI	TBA
Oct. 15, 2014	Northwestern *	Devaney Center	TBA
Oct. 18, 2014	Illinois *	Devaney Center	TBA
Oct. 22, 2014	Minnesota *	Minneapolis	TBA
Oct. 26, 2014	Wisconsin *	Madison, Wis.	TBA
Oct. 31, 2014	Rutgers *	Piscataway, N.J.	TBA
Nov. 1, 2014	Maryland *	College Park, Md.	TBA
Nov. 5, 2014	Purdue *	Devaney Center	TBA
Nov. 8, 2014	Indiana *	Devaney Center	TBA
Nov. 12, 2014	Michigan State *	Devaney Center	TBA
Nov. 16, 2014	Maryland *	Devaney Center	TBA
Nov. 19, 2014	Indiana *	Bloomington, Ind.	TBA
Nov. 22, 2014	Michigan *	Devaney Center	TBA
Nov. 26, 2014	Illinois *	Champaign, Ill.	TBA
Nov. 29, 2014	Penn State *	State College	TBA
NCAA Tourney			
Dec. 4-6, 2014	TBD	College Sites	TBA
Dec. 13-14, 2014	TBD	Regional Sites	TBA
Dec. 18, 2014	TBD - Semifinals	Oklahoma City, OK	TBA
Dec. 20, 2014	Championship	Oklahoma City	6:35 p.m.

and Michigan State 16th. Plus, Cook said Indiana and Iowa will be better. He also said every team in the Big Ten thinks they can win on a given night. That’s different than when the Huskers were in the Big 12.

“I’m not sure every team thought they could win on any given night playing Texas or Nebraska,” Cook said. “That’s the challenge in the Big Ten. You have to be good every night or you’re going to get beat. It’s a tough mentality for our players to grasp. Sometimes they think it’s Indiana so we can just cruise.”



# Meet the 2014 Nebraska Volleyball Team

#1

## ALEXA ETHRIDGE

Year: Sophomore

Position: Libero

Height: 5-7

Hometown: Lee's Summit, Mo.



As a Freshman (2013)

Played in 30 matches • Posted a career-high five digs against Purdue on Nov. 19 • Notched two aces three times, against Villanova (9/6), Dayton (9/13) and at Illinois (9/28 • Tallied a career-high four aces against Iowa on Nov. 27 • Posted two aces against San Diego in the NCAA Regional Semifinal.

#3

## KELLY HUNTER

Year: Sophomore

Position: Setter

Height: 5-11

Hometown: Papillion, Neb.



As a Freshman (2013)

Played in 16 matches • Saw action at setter early in the season as the Huskers used a 6-2 offense • Totaled 14 assists in her collegiate debut against Louisiana-Monroe and notched a double-double with 10 digs • Posted 19 assists against Auburn and Saint Louis on Aug. 31 • Also recorded three aces against Auburn.

#4

## JUSTINE WONG-ORANTES

Year: Sophomore

Position: Libero

Height: 5-7

Hometown: Cypress, Calif.



As a Freshman (2013)

Played in 32 of NU's 33 matches in 2013 • Joined Amber Rolfzen as the ninth and 10th true freshmen to start a season opener during Coach John Cook's career at Nebraska • Had 399 digs on the year and averaged 3.50 digs per set • Tied Lara Dykstra's freshman record for digs and tied for ninth on Nebraska's season record list • Finished the season ranked ninth in the Big Ten in digs • Posted a career-high 24 digs at Minnesota on Nov. 10 • Recorded 10 or more digs 21 times in 2013 • Produced a match-high 17 digs against Texas in the NCAA Regional Final • Posted 10 aces on the year.

#5

## AMBER ROLFZEN

Year: Sophomore

Position: Outside Hitter

Height: 6-3

Hometown: Papillion, Neb.



As a Freshman (2013)

Started 32 of the Huskers' 33 matches • Notched 244 kills on the year for an average of 2.14 kills per set, while chipping in 206 digs, an average of 1.81 digs per set • Recorded 10 or more kills nine times in 2013 • Made her Husker debut in NU's season opener against Louisiana-Monroe, posting eight kills in her first match • Joined Justine Wong-Orantes as the ninth and 10th true freshmen to start a season opener during Coach John Cook's career at Nebraska • Named the Americas tournament's MVP • Named the Big Ten Freshman of the Week twice, including for her efforts against Minnesota and Wisconsin (Oct. 4-5) when she tallied 12 blocks on the weekend.

# Meet the 2014 Nebraska Volleyball Team

#6

**KADIE  
ROLFZEN**

Year: Sophomore

Position: Outside Hitter

Height: 6-3

Hometown: Papillion, Neb.



**As a Freshman (2013)**

Played in 30 of NU's 33 matches in 2013, including 29 starts • Was named All-Big Ten and earned unanimous All-Freshman team honors • Earned AVCA North Region Freshman-of-the-Year accolades and first-team honors • Was named an AVCA third-team All-American • Finished her freshman year with 377 kills to rank second on the NU freshman kills list

#7

**SYDNEY  
TOWNSEND**

Year: Freshman

Position: Libero

Height: 5-8

Hometown: Lincoln, Neb.



**In High School**

Joined the Huskers from Pius X High School in Lincoln • Earned All-Nebraska honors from the Omaha World-Herald for the second-straight season in 2013, the only repeat winner on the list • Helped Pius X to a 34-7 record in 2013 and a berth in the Nebraska Class B state championship • Started her senior season at outside hitter and totaled 229 kills, but moved to libero.

#9

**CECILIA  
HALL**

Year: Junior

Position: Middle Blocker

Height: 6-3

Hometown: Linkoping, Sweden



**As a Sophomore (2013)**

Started 30 of NU's 33 matches as a sophomore • Earned honorable-mention AVCA All-North Region accolades • Led the Husker block on the year with 140 total blocks, an average of 1.31 blocks per set • Had 144 kills on the year and averaged 1.35 kills per set, while hitting at a clip of .321 • Tied her career high in kills four times during the year with eight kills each against Villanova, Texas, Wisconsin and Indiana • Recorded a career-high 11 blocks against Illinois on Oct. 30 • Was named the Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week on Nov. 4 following her performance against the Wildcats and Hoosiers, as she paced the Huskers at the net with 21 blocks

#10

**ALICIA  
OSTRANDER**

Year: Junior

Position: Outside Hitter

Height: 6-3

Hometown: Gordon, Neb.



**As a Sophomore (2013)**

Played in 12 matches in 2013, including three starts • Matched a career high with a season-high five kills on five swings against Saint Mary's on Sept. 12 • Notched a career-best six blocks against Saint Louis on Aug. 31 • Posted 19 kills and 16 blocks on the year.

**2012: Redshirt Freshman**

Played in eight matches in 2012, averaging 0.67 kills per set • Saw substantial playing time for the Huskers against Michigan State, appearing in a match for just the seventh time during her Husker career and recorded five kills and a solo block at a critical moment in the fifth set.



# Meet the 2014 Nebraska Volleyball Team

#14

**KELSEY  
FIEN**

Year: Junior

Position: Outside Hitter

Height: 6-3

Hometown: Bakersfield, Calif.



As a Sophomore (2013)

Competed in 11 matches in 2013 • Notched a career-high 13 kills against Auburn on Aug. 31 and followed that performance with 10 kills and a .421 hitting clip at Saint Louis • Posted eight kills in Nebraska's 3-0 win over Fairfield in the first round of the NCAA Tournament

As a Freshman (2012)

Fien played in 14 matches as a freshman.

#15

**KIRA  
LARSON**

Year: Redshirt Freshman

Position: Middle Blocker

Height: 6-2

Hometown: Fargo, N.D.



As a Freshman (2013)

Redshirted her first year at Nebraska.

In High School

Ranked as the No. 23 player in the country by PrepVolleyball.com and was selected as a Senior Ace out of Fargo North High School in Fargo, N.D. • Posted 558 kills, 108 aces, 137 blocks and 394 digs as a senior, taking the Spartans to the Class A conference semifinals

#16

**MARY  
POLLMILLER**

Year: Senior

Position: Setter

Height: 5-10

Hometown: Littleton, Colo.



As a Junior (2013)

Started 33 matches as a junior • Earned honorable-mention AVCA All-America accolades • Was a first-team AVCA North Region selection • Named honorable-mention All-Big Ten • Paced the Husker offense at the setter position, tallying 1,279 assists on the year, an average of 10.70 assists per set • Finished the season ranked sixth in the Big Ten in assists • Helped Nebraska to a .270 hitting percentage • Posted 832 assists to average 11.09 assists per set in Big Ten play • Helped Nebraska hit .300 or better in 10 matches in 2013, including a season-high .418 hitting clip against Indiana on Nov. 23 • Totaled 50 or more assists seven times as a junior and notched five double-doubles on the season

#17

**ANNIKA  
ALBRECHT**

Year: Freshman

Position: Outside Hitter

Height: 6-0

Hometown: North Aurora, Ill.



In High School

Was home schooled, but still played for the Illinois Crusaders • Helped the Crusaders win three-straight home school national titles • Was the MVP of the Home School National Championships in 2011, 2012 and 2013 • Earned a spot on PrepVolleyball.com's Senior Aces list as the No. 65 recruit in the country • Named MVP of the 2013 Illinois High School All-Star Game • Played club volleyball for under Rick Butler for Sports Performance 18 Elite with fellow Husker freshman Maddie Haggerty, helping the squad to a national title during the summers of 2013 and 2014 • Helped the squad to a 92-4 record in 2013 and a 85-3 record in 2014 • Both parents went to UNL.

# Meet the 2014 Nebraska Volleyball Team

#18

## MADDIE HAGGERTY

Year: Freshman

Position: Outside Hitter

Height: 6-2

Hometown: Glen Ellyn, Ill.



### In High School

Joined the Huskers from Wheaton-St. Francis in Wheaton, Ill. • Tabbed as the No. 18 recruit in the country on PrepVolleyball.com's 2013 Senior Aces List • Joined fellow Husker freshman Olivia Boender as a 2013 Volleyball Magazine Fab 50 selection • Named a 2013-14 Under Armour Second-Team All-American • 2013 PrepVolleyball.com Third-Team Club All-American

#20

## MEGHAN HAGGERTY

Year: Junior

Position: Middle Blocker

Height: 6-2

Hometown: Glen Ellyn, Ill.



### As a Sophomore (2013)

Played in 31 matches in 2013, including 28 starts • Was named an honorable-mention AVCA All-American and earned first-team AVCA North Region honors • Recorded a season-high 13 kills against Wisconsin on Oct. 5 • Notched 178 kills on the season and averaged 1.73 kills per set • Averaged 1.05 blocks per set on the season • Hit .300 or better 19 times • Was named the Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week (Oct. 4-5)

#21

## MELANIE KEIL

Year: Sophomore

Position: Middle Blocker

Height: 6-0

Hometown: Berlin, Germany



### As a Freshman (2013)

Saw action in 15 matches as a freshman, including five starts • Became a regular in the Husker rotation late in the season, playing in 10 of NU's final 13 matches • Tallied a career-high six kills on 12 swings, with no errors, at Iowa on Nov. 27 • Posted a career-high six blocks at Indiana on Nov. 23 and notched five blocks in NU's NCAA first round win over Fairfield on Dec. 6 • Came off the bench in the NCAA Regional Final against Texas to record five kills on nine swings, with no errors, for a .556 hitting clip.

#27

## OLIVIA BOENDER

Year: Freshman

Position: Outside Hitter

Height: 6-2

Hometown: Waverly, Neb.



### In High School

Joined the Huskers from Waverly High School in Waverly, Neb. • Named the No. 56 recruit in the country on PrepVolleyball.com's 2013 Senior Aces List • Joined fellow Husker freshman Maddie Haggerty as a 2013 Volleyball Magazine Fab 50 selection • Led Waverly to a 31-5 record in 2013 and the No. 3 seed at the Nebraska Class B state tournament • Had 497 kills as a senior, including 26 in the first round of the state tournament • Earned All-Nebraska honors from the Omaha World-Herald and Super State honors from the Lincoln Journal Star • Also named a 2013-14 Under Armour Honorable-Mention All-American • Was honored as a Lincoln Journal Star first-team Super-State outside hitter



## NEBRASKA VOLLEYBALL NOTEBOOK

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### HUSKERS NOW PRODUCING REVENUE

When John Cook took over as head coach in 2000, one of his goals for the program was to become a revenue-producing sport. That mission has been accomplished.

Cook said the ticket revenue is \$1.7 million, while the budget is \$1.3 million.

"The only other program I know that's ever done that in volleyball is Hawaii," Cook said. "I think there were maybe a couple of basketball programs -- maybe UConn or Tennessee -- that have generated more income than what their budget is."

Moving from the NU Coliseum, which could hold about 4,000 fans, the the 8,000-seat Devaney Center last year was a key to accomplishing that goal.

"The Coliseum limited us because there were only 4,000 seats in there," Cook said. "In the discussions with Coach (Tom) Osborne about coming to Devaney and playing over here was we would have the opportunity to become a revenue producing sport."

Cook said that feat is particularly impressive considering the population of the state.

"To do it in a state of 1.8 million people is a statement of how big volleyball is here and how important it is," he said. "We're just really proud of that. We want to do everything we can to keep that sellout streak going and to keep people coming to our matches."

Cook may owe a debt of gratitude to that "old booster guy" who reminded him in 2000 that the Huskers that year wouldn't be going on a trip to China if not for the football program.

"It was at that point and that moment I decided one of our goals here was to see if we could ever be a revenue producing sport at Nebraska," Cook said.

### DEVANEY RENOVATION COMPLETE

The finishing touches on the Devaney Center renovation should be complete when the Huskers open the season Friday night against Florida State.

"The big thing is when you come up the stairs to the concourse level, by the time we have our first match, all of the tradition of Nebraska volleyball, the championship trophies, all the great things this program has done will all be displayed up there in those trophy cases," Cook said. "It's

going to have a big-time feeling to it."

Just as important, the Devaney Center will be full. It will be the 201st straight home sellout for the Huskers.

"One of the big worries about coming over here was if we could continue that sellout streak," Cook said. "We continued it last year, in fact we oversold our tickets with standing room only. We're really, really proud of that. Everything I hear right now the waiting list is over 2,000 for tickets here at Devaney."

Junior outside hitter Alicia Ostrander said the move from the Coliseum to the Devaney Center wasn't that difficult because the Huskers had 10 new players last season who had never played in the Coliseum.

"Getting to play at the Coliseum and here, there are definitely (good) things about both," Ostrander said.

"I loved the Coliseum because of how loud it got in there and the atmosphere it brought. I mean the Devaney is amazing. We're all very fortunate. Our locker room and our ready room, it's a beautiful place to be."

### CHINA TRIP BRINGS PLAYERS CLOSER

Cook takes the Huskers on an overseas trip once every four years. This year's trip to China and Japan may prove just as valuable as any of them.

Cook says his players learned the value of communication after the coaches took away all their cell phones.

"They had to start learning to rely on each other and communicate and our level of play just raised significantly, so I think they got a real-life lesson about the importance of communication in this world today," Cook said. "I'm talking about face to face, eye to eye, interpersonal communication."

The Huskers also elected captains during what has become a traditional "robe" meeting at the end of the trip.

The idea is to have everyone -- including coaches -- attend in robes. That makes them all equal.

During the five-hour meeting, the players voted setter Mary Pollmiller as captain.

Pollmiller said she couldn't do it by herself, so they took another vote and Ostrander and libero Justine Wong-Orantes were also named captains.



NU players warm up before practice.



Volleyball coach John Cook tosses around a football at volleyball practice.

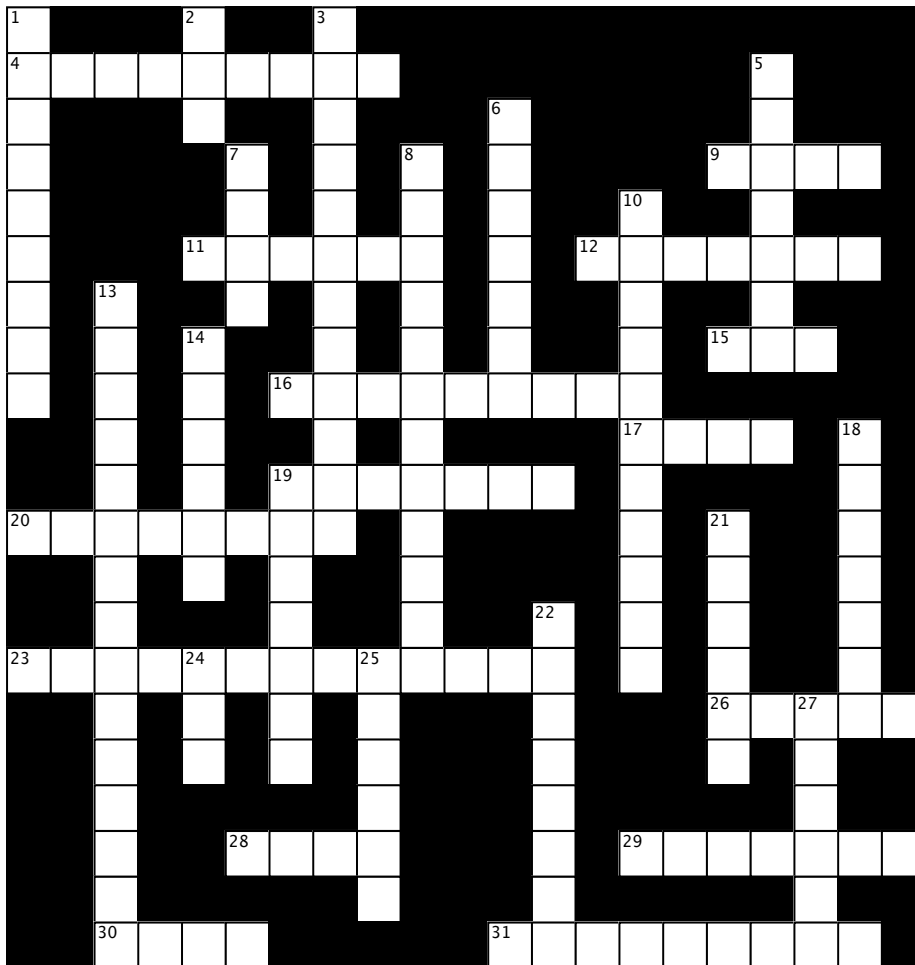


John Cook talks with his team during practice.



From left: middle blockers Melanie Keil, Cecilia Hall and Kira Larson pose for a photo.

# AUGUST 30 CROSSWORD PUZZLE



## ACROSS

4. Wears No. 4 (offense)
9. Named to Biletnikoff Watch
11. Husker selected in the sixth round of 2014 NFL Draft
12. Named to Lombardi Award Watch List
15. 2015 non-conference opponent
16. Florida Atlantic campus location
17. Florida Atlantic nickname
19. 1997 Lombardi Award winner
20. Homecoming opponent
23. Florida Atlantic's conference
26. Network for NU-McNeese State telecast
28. Florida Atlantic school color
29. 2016 non-conference opponent
30. Ex-NU linebacker in 2014 Nebraska Football Hall of Fame class
31. 2000 lineman in 2014 Nebraska Football Hall of Fame class

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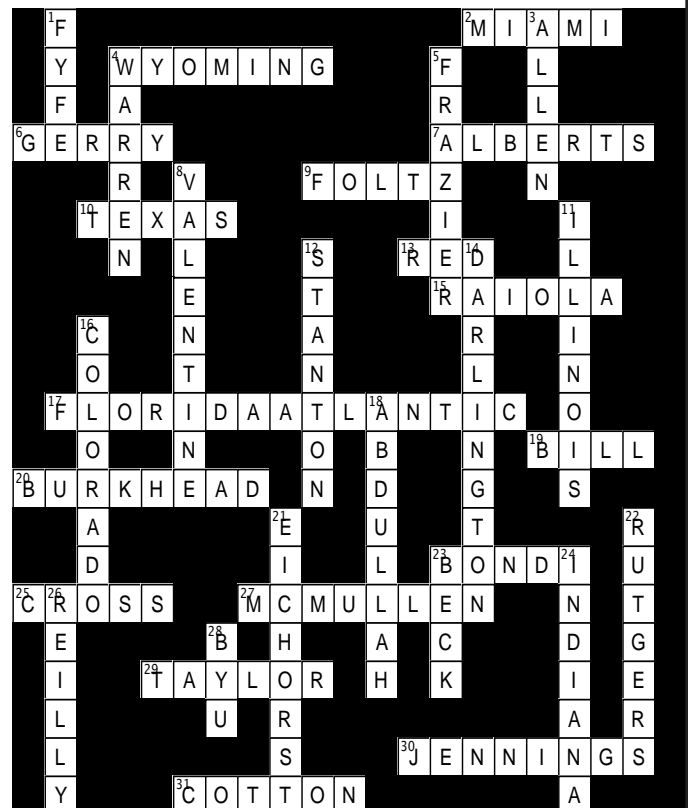
1. Florida Atlantic head coach
2. Network for NU-Florida Atlantic telecast
3. City for Big Ten Championship game
5. Wears No. 4 (defense)
6. Ameer Abdullah's home state
7. Husker selected in third round of 2014 NFL Draft
8. First Husker selected in 2014 NFL Draft
10. Opponent in first 2014 road game
13. Coached for 11 years at Florida Atlantic
14. Former Florida Atlantic football coach
18. 1971 lineman in 2014 Nebraska Football Hall of Fame class
19. 1994 Outland Trophy winner
21. Wide receivers coach
22. 1982 lineman in 2014 Nebraska Football Hall of Fame class
24. Recruiting coordinator
25. Leading tackler in 2013
27. Named to Rimington Watch List

## Prognostications of Joe Husker



Nebraska serves up a bowl of Owl soup. Huskers pluck Florida Atlantic.

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